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'CHINA COULD ABUSE AI TO SWING OUTCOME IN POLL-BOUND INDIA'

Warning by Microsoft comes as India and South Korea go to polls this month and the US in November. North Korea could add to trouble

BEIJING BID TO SOW DIVISION, SAYS MICROSOFT

China is increasingly experimenting in memes, videos and audio generated by artificial intelligence to further its interests, said Clint Watts, GM, Microsoft Threat Analysis Center. It has been increasingly using the AI-content in the US to influence and sow division, he said. But for the time being, China's efforts will not have impact on poll outcome, he added

NORTH KOREA IS STEALING CRYPTOS

- North Korea continues to prioritise theft of crypto currency for revenue to fund its space, missile and nuclear programmes, Watts said. Its attack is focused on the US, South Korea and Japan
- The good news is there is not much evidence to show that China's efforts have been successful in swaying public opinion in the US

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DROUGHT RELIEF TO K'TAKA

CENTRE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR FUND DELAY: NIRMALA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

UNION Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday said the delay in the release of central grants to Karnataka to tackle drought is not intentional as vetting of reports by the departments concerned takes time.

She, however, stated that the Centre is not responsible for the delay. During his recent visit to the state, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the state government caused a delay in submission of its memorandum for central aid. "Karnataka submitted a memorandum in October 2023, following which an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) conducted an assessment. The assessment report went to the Agriculture Ministry in November. They submitted their report to the sub-committee of the National Executive Committee which placed it before the High-Level Committee (HLC). But on March 28, 2024, it was written to the ECI to convene the HLC meeting to approve the report in view of the Model Code of Conduct for LS polls," she said.

The Congress government, which approached the SC, seeking its direction to the Centre to release funds, is trying to set a narrative that the Union government is averse to the state in terms of tax devolution. P4

Fight gets shriller as LS campaign picks up pace

Muslim League imprint in Cong manifesto: PM

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

WHILE underscoring the futility of INDIA bloc in Uttar Pradesh and calling it a flopped film of two boys (Rahul Gandhi and Akhilesh Yadav) of 2017 re-released in 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday launched a blistering attack on the Congress in Saharanpur, charging that its manifesto released a day earlier had imprint of the erstwhile Muslim League.

"The Congress manifesto completely bears the imprint of the Muslim League of the days of the freedom struggle. Its every page reeks of breaking India into pieces. And whatever part of the Congress is left is completely dominated by the leftists. Such a party cannot take India forward in the 21st century," he said, adding the poll statement of the Congress showed it was completely cut off from the hopes and aspirations of today's India.

Worshipping Shakti is a part of our natural spiritual journey. But, people of the INDIA bloc say their fight is against Shakti

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

"On the other hand, we have worked without discrimination. Saturation coverage of our welfare schemes has been our mantra. We want the welfare initiatives to reach every section, every caste and everyone without discrimination. This is true secularism," he added.

In his pushback, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh accused the BJP of practising the "politics of divisiveness". He recalled that Jan Sangh founder Syama Prasad Mookerjee had joined a coalition government in Bengal with the Muslim League in the early 1940s.

Hurling a barb at the SP, the PM said: "Look at the Samajwadi Party... They are changing their candidates every hour." The SP changed as many as 17 candidates after giving tickets to them on seven seats of western UP.

Democratic institutions being destroyed: Sonia

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

IN its first mega show in Rajasthan, Congress biggies Sonia Gandhi, Mallikarjuna Kharge and Priyanka Gandhi launched a scathing attack against the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a massive rally here to introduce the party's manifesto to the public.

Sonia said the country under Modi's rule has been pushed towards dictatorship. She accused the Modi government of instilling fear in the country's democratic institutions, adding the PM believes he is above the nation.

Considering himself great, Modi ji is tearing apart the dignity of the country and its democracy. Fear is being installed in the system

Sonia Gandhi, Congress

The country's freedom is not the product of the new leadership at the top but has been achieved through the struggles and sacrifices of their forefathers, she said, adding: "After so many years, the great light has dimmed. The injustice of darkness has increased all around. Our resolve should be to fight against this and seek the light of justice."

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge accused Modi of confusing the people and failing to deliver. "You have not done anything for the country..... We are giving an account of 55 years... You only abuse Congress and the Gandhi family," he claimed.

Priyanka Gandhi criticised the BJP's association with corrupt individuals and accused it of prioritising industrialists over the welfare of the people. "All the schemes are for big industrialists. They say they will give a 5 kg ration but will not provide employment, will not let your children stand on their feet," she charged. Priyanka also pointed out that though the BJP is inducting corrupt leaders from all parties, no one is even questioning it.

EXPRESS READ

3 B'luru medicos test positive for cholera

BENGALURU: Three of the 47 students of Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI) Girls' Hostel, who were admitted to Victoria Hospital on Friday after reporting symptoms of diarrhea and dehydration, have tested positive for cholera | P3

Man offers finger to Kali for Modi's win

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @ Karwar

A-50-YEAR-old man from Karwar chopped off his index finger on Saturday and offered it to Goddess Kali, praying for the victory of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led BJP in the Lok Sabha elections.

This incident has not only shocked locals, but also BJP leaders, who have appealed to the people not to indulge in such acts.

Arun Vernekar, a resident of Sonarwada in Karwar, who did this act, said, "I prayed to Kali Matha for Modi's re-election as PM, and as an offering, I offered my index finger to the goddess. Modi is my leader. P6

UNDISCLOSED CPM BANK A/C FROZEN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

EVEN as Opposition parties accuse the Central agencies of trying to cripple their electioneering at the behest of the BJP, the Income Tax department (I-T) on Saturday froze a bank account of the CPM which has ₹4.8 crore.

The account of the CPM Thrissur district committee in a nationalised bank caught the attention of I-T investigators when ₹1 crore was recently withdrawn from it. The action was initiated by an I-T team tasked with monitoring the flow of black money in the backdrop of the LS polls.

According to a tax official, the I-T returns of the party had not mentioned the account. Meanwhile, the CPM state leadership condemned the action, alleging that the I-T department froze the account without prior notice or seeking any explanation.

The account has been frozen after an unexpected interrogation of CPM Thrissur district secretary M M Varghese by the I-T sleuths at the Enforcement Directorate office in Kochi on Friday, where he was being questioned in connection with the Karuvannur Service Coop Bank scam.

"The bank account, opened in 1998, is in the name of the CPM Thrissur district committee. Upon examining the party's I-T returns, we discovered that the details of this bank account were not disclosed. Currently, there is ₹4.8 crore in the account. We froze the account and initiated a probe," stated an I-T official.

WHAT'S TRENDING

Aerial view: Hit wave strikes IPL season with 6

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

THE ongoing edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL) is more than two weeks old. One of the patterns to have emerged from the 17th iteration is that, as it stands, the league is on course to see a new record for sixes in a single year. After Friday night's match between Sunrisers Hyderabad and Chennai Super Kings, the 10 teams combined had managed 326 maximums for an average of 18 per match. You extrapolate that over the 74 games and they are on course for 1332; comfortably eclipsing the previous best of 1124 in 2023 (74 matches).

What has changed when compared to last year — any of the previous years, really — is that the teams are clearing the boundary cushions at an unprecedented rate. As it stands, they are hitting at least one six every 2.1 overs, comfortably the best such metric in the history of the league. In 2023, it was one every 2.3 overs. In 2022, it was one hit over the fence every 16.2 deliveries.

Why is this the case? There are various reasons for this but the short answer is that uncapped Indian batters are comfortable in taking the aerial route (out of the top 25 leading six-hitters this year, four are uncapped Indians who have honed their skills in domestic T20 cricket). The other pronounced rationale behind this sort of six-hitting lies in the teams (and players) valuing the art of boundaries: 80% of all T20 matches are won by teams who hit more boundaries. Even among the boundaries, sides who hit more sixes typically tend to win more matches. Dan Weston, who worked with Punjab Kings during the mega auction in 2022, explained: "This year, Kolkata have so far hit an almost equal number of fours and sixes (45 sixes and 44 fours). We are starting to see the combination of the additional depth that the impact player provides to domestic players coming in. Teams are realising that the extra depth allows them to play more attacking cricket." All of this comes with one caveat. With three-fourths of the season to go, there may be a regression to the mean. The next few weeks will reveal whether this is the beginning of another evolution. MORE ON P15

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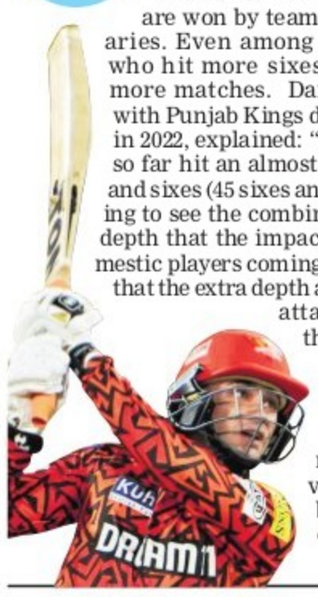

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Accumulated trash in a river

WITH KNACK FOR FINDING SOLUTIONS, THIS INNOVATOR BUILDS 'BARRIERS FOR RIVERS'

D Chandrasekhar, an ex-merchant navy captain, is passionate about crafting cost-effective solutions using simple techniques to address complex problems

D Chandrasekhar with his team

A SOLUTION TO COLLECT TRASH IN RIVERS

AlphaMERS-developed river barriers to arrest trash are currently running in Tamil Nadu, Kochi, Cooum, Addiyar, Thoothukudi, Thanjavur, Coimbatore, Puducherry, Ulsoor in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Musi, Hussain Sagar in Hyderabad and Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh.

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

The world today is overflowing with ideas and concepts on how technology can shape the future, creating a hope for restoring and protecting our depleting natural environment. Amidst the chatter, few solutions stand out as beacons, guiding us towards imagining and building a better future. D Chandrasekhar, an ex-merchant navy captain and innovator from Bengaluru, is one such individual — a passionate advocate for crafting cost-effective solutions using simple techniques to address complex problems.

With two companies — AlphaMERS and Beta-Tank Robotics Pvt Ltd -- under his helm, the 61-year-old has always possessed a knack for devising out-of-the-box solutions by simply observing his surroundings. Through AlphaMERS, he pioneered unique river barriers designed to collect solid waste without disrupting the water body's flow. This innovative approach ensures that trash is brought to the riverbank without using excessive resources. Subsequently, the collected waste is either recycled by NGOs or government bodies, serving as a sustainable model for waste management.

Chandrasekhar joined the merchant navy in 1980, a time when career choices were limited. "It was a choice between joining the defence or working in a bank. Fortunately, I cleared the merchant navy tests, but I was always a thinker. I pondered over the various issues plaguing India and contemplated solutions," he recalls. "Traveling broadens one's perspective, and over time, I became deeply connected to India's identity. As a young person, I often wondered why my country couldn't achieve certain things. The vision of clean rivers abroad always lingered in my mind," he adds, his voice filled with enthusiasm.

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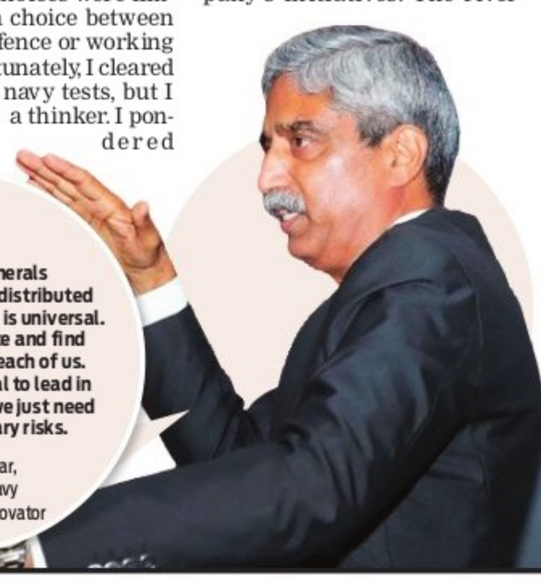
> D Chandrasekhar, ex-merchant navy captain-turned-innovator

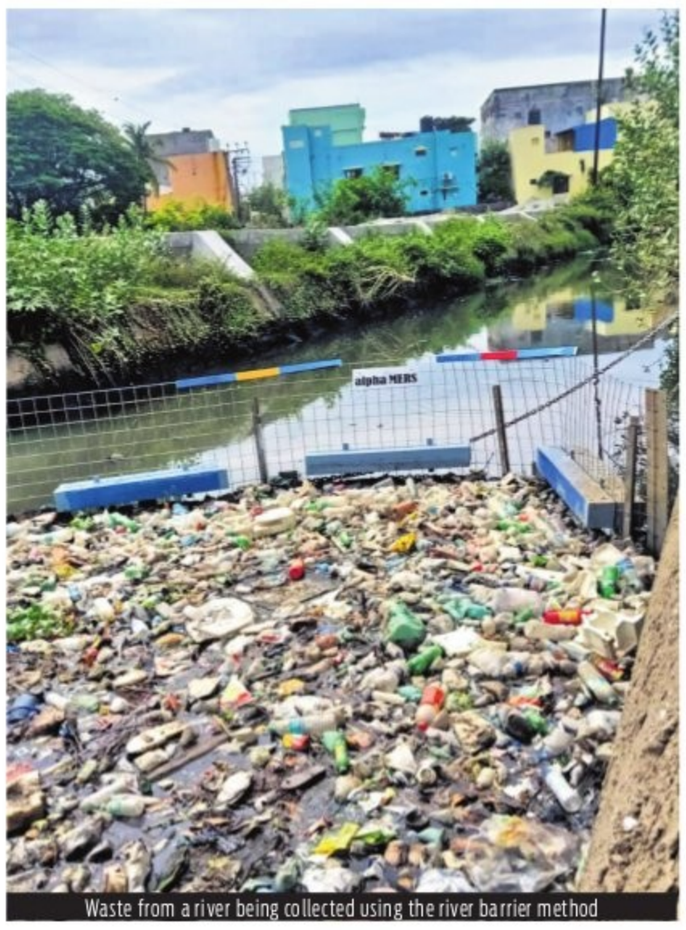


The former captain's journey into innovation began in 1995, when he was cleaning a petrol tank with his peers, using buckets. He recalls expressing his discontent, asserting that one day, he would develop robots to clean the tanks. "That dream remained unrealised for nearly three decades until 2019, when M/s OIL offered incubation and financial support for our robot project," he shares. Beta-Tank Robotics, incubated at the Indian Institute of Technology in Guwahati, introduced the 'six-legged robot,' revolutionising safety, cost-effectiveness and environmental sustainability in the oil industry. The company's groundbreaking work was recognised with the 'Best Startup' award at India Energy Week. "Currently, we have around 15 patents in the pipeline. I've come to realise that many are spending millions daily on basic tasks using technology, which is unnecessary. We are not a profit-driven company; our focus is on addressing fundamental issues, whether in ports, rivers, reservoirs or the ocean," Chandrasekhar explains.

In 2010, he founded AlphaMERS with a similar mission: to find effective solutions for water bodies. His intuitive understanding of seas, oceans, waves and currents guided the company's initiatives. The river-cleaning plan, which costs only Rs 85 lakh for 10 locations in Chennai as compared to the billions spent abroad, showcases the effectiveness of his approach. Despite the financial challenges inherent in India's landscape, Chandrasekhar and his team push themselves to innovate and contribute to environmental conservation.

The river barriers, designed to trap trash, utilise mesh to minimise drag forces — a solution rooted in hydrodynamics. In its inaugural year in 2018, this approach removed 2,200 tonnes of plastics from a coastal river, subsequently scaling to Chennai as compared to the billions (millions) spent abroad. Additionally, the company developed silt traps that passively capture sediments, which can then be efficiently removed using dedicated conveyors. These innovations have already been implemented in several lakes in Bengaluru.

An excavator gathers trash from a river



Waste from a river being collected using the river barrier method

Chandrasekhar and his team have also designed a device called Wave Energy Converter (WEC) to harness renewable energy from sea waves. The initial tests showed it can generate 5 kW of electricity. However, he adds that commercial interest has been low. The team has also worked on a wave-powered boat that can help save a lot of energy.

"I want the younger generation to believe that they can design anything in India. Confidence is key. While oil and minerals may not be equitably distributed worldwide, intelligence is universal. Our ability to innovate and find solutions lies within each of us. India has the potential to lead in technology globally; we just need to take the necessary risks," he adds.

The former navy captain, with his infectious spirit, reflects on his team's achievements in cleaning three city rivers. He humbly says, "If an average person like me can do it, why not others?"

City MPs spent ₹55.88 cr from MPLADS in 5 yrs

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THREE Members of Parliament representing Bengaluru in the Lok Sabha recommended Rs 55.88 crore from their Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) over a period of 5 years. Of this 42.67 per cent (Rs 23.47 crore) was spent on Public Infrastructure Development followed by 29.15 per cent (Rs 16.03 crore) spent on Drinking Water and Sanitation. They spent 13.22 (Rs 7.27 crore) on education, according to a report released by Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC) on Saturday.

BPAC analysed the MPLADS of MPs representing Bangalore North, Bangalore Central and Bangalore South Parliamentary Constituencies to observe the pattern of spending on activities.

While Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya recommended Rs 19.36 crore from the MPLADS, DV Sadananda Gowda representing Bengaluru North constituency recommended Rs 18.69 crore followed by Bengaluru Central MP PC Mohan with Rs 17.79 crore. While Rs 5 crore is allocated to MPLADS every year each MP to recommend developmental works with emphasis on the creation of durable community assets based on the locally felt needs of the people, in the wake of the COVID pandemic, it was suspended from April 6, 2020 to November 9, 2021, and no funds were allocated to the scheme for FY 2020-21. For the period of FY 2021-22, i.e., from November 10, 2021 to March 31, 2022,

Rs 2 crore was allocated under the scheme for each Member of Parliament.

During the 17th Lok Sabha, the house worked for 273 days and the National Average attendance of MPs was at 79% and the state average attendance for Karnataka MPs was at 71%. PC Mohan, attended 224 days (82%), Tejasvi Surya attended 212 days (78%) and DV Sadananda Gowda attended 100 days (63%). The report said that DV Sadananda Gowda served as Union Cabinet minister from May 30, 2019, to July 07, 2021 and as Ministers represent the government in debates they do not sign the attendance register.

Harish N, Member, B.PAC said the BPAC report brings in greater transparency of how the grants have been allocated to constituency development works and with this voters can make informed choices.

> Rs 23.47 crore was spent on public infrastructure development followed by Rs 16.03 crore spent on drinking water and sanitation and Rs 7.27 crore on education — Report by Bangalore Political Action Committee

1.5 MLD STP at Vibhutipura Lake awaits power supply

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

IT has been almost a month since Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) installed the sewage treatment plant (STP) at the city's Vibhutipura lake. The STP, however, is yet to begin functioning as Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) has still not given the power connection. The 1.5 MLD-capacity STP can fill up the lake and ensure the recharge of borewells in the vicinity. According to the residents of the locality, the lake rejuvenation work was taken up in 2017 at a cost of Rs 3 crore and the contractor removed the silt. In August 2021, an STP was sanctioned here at a cost of Rs 4 crore.

"The equipment was lying unused. In January 2023, the engineer concerned told us that the STP would be operational in one month after the BESCOM gave power connection. But it took them one year to fix the equipment. And now they are awaiting power supply from BESCOM. Had the officials expedited the process, the STP would have become operational in March 2024 itself," said a resident.

BBMP Executive Engineer (Lakes) Bhupradha told The New Sunday Express that the Palike, meanwhile, has taken up desilting work and the silt would be removed at the earliest. And the officials are also following up with BESCOM for the power connection. "Once the STP functions, the lake will always have recycled water," said Bhupradha.

BBMP Health Spl Commissioner writes to BWSSB

Bengaluru: To prevent outbreak of communicable diseases in the city, Special Commissioner of Health, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Surolkar Vikas Kishore on Saturday wrote a letter to Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board to take precautionary measures to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Stating that the role of the water board is crucial in averting outbreak of communicable diseases, Surolkar listed out measures that the BWSSB should follow. "BWSSB must ensure that chlorination levels in the samples of water at the treatment plants and at the final distribution is maintained as per norms. It should cooperate with the health department to collect samples from manholes and drains in areas where epidemics have been reported. It should also check if water pipes are leaking and take appropriate action," listed Surolkar. He further requested BWSSB to share a reply on the action taken on the suggested measures.

BWSSB extends deadline to install aerators to April 30

Bengaluru: The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) chairman Ram Prasat Manohar announced that the date to install aerators in taps in malls, commercial complexes, apartments, government buildings, luxury hotels, restaurants and public areas including religious places has been extended to April 30. Earlier, the last date for installation was April 7 but due to requests from consumers, the date was extended. The decision aims at restricting water flow in taps and unnecessary wastage of the same. Moreover, if the flow restrictor/aerator is not installed, water supplied by the Board will be reduced to 50% as per Section 53 of Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Act-1964 and an amount of Rs 5000 will be fined with an additional penalty of Rs 500 per day.

EXPRESS READ

Inter-college Hindi seminar, translation contest held

Bengaluru: Canara Bank, head office in association with Christ Deemed University, Bengaluru organised, 'Inter-college Hindi Seminar and Translation Competition' on Friday. TK Venugopal, GM said that Canara Bank is actively contributing to national priorities by providing education loans to students for their education in India and abroad at the lowest interest rates.

Passenger satisfaction survey for Namma Metro

Bengaluru: To enhance commuter experience on Namma Metro, Comet Nova is conducting a comprehensive Passenger Satisfaction Survey from April 8 to May 6. This survey not only aims to gather feedback from commuters but also serves as a pivotal study for Imperial College, London, in shaping key performance indicators for Namma Metro, said a release from Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMCRL) on Saturday.

Gaganyaan sky show in Nehru Planetarium from today

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TO inform youngsters and evoke interest in them about India's space missions, motivating them to become a part of the space industry, the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium (JNP) will be showcasing a sky show in its auditorium, starting today (Sunday) which is produced by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). The theme of the show revolves around 'Indian Space Odyssey: Sounding Rockets to Gaganyaan.'

The 30-minute show's prime highlight is its animations of the various aspects of the Gaganyaan Mission and the accurate replication of the spacecraft. In simple terms, the video projected in the sky dome reflects on human's aspiration for spaceflight, the achievements of ISRO, the current progress on the mission and visuals from when human spaceflight will take place. The video discusses the training of four astronauts at the Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC), the development of the HLVM3 launch vehicle the meticulous preparation for the launch and the way Indian astronauts will land safely back on Earth. For adults and children alike the conceptualisation of the mission is a visual treat.

Speaking at the premiere of the Odyssey show, AS Kiran Kumar, Chairman, Governing Council, BASE and former Chairman, ISRO said if we want more space activities in the country we should bring this narrative forward with such videos. "Post Chandrayaan-3 success, the interest of youngsters in not just space activities but becoming a proactive part of these missions has grown manifold. Children are now asking how they can become an astronaut." He added that the sky show should not be limited to just JNP but also reach more cities and states.

The Davanagere police have arrested absconding rape -accused Christian priest, Rajashekhar, from Hyderabad. After a complaint was lodged against him, the priest of Jayanagara church had fled the city. It can be recalled that some time ago, the priest's daughter alleged that her 58-year-old father was behaving inappropriately with women who used to come to the church

B'DESHIS SUBJECTED TO HARD LABOUR IN CITY

Paid meagre salaries, illegal immigrants forced to stay in shed, says NIA chargesheet

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

BANGLADESHI nationals, who were illegally trafficked to India with a false promise of providing them jobs with valid documents after receiving money from them with the assistance of touts in the Indo-Bangladesh border near Belepole, narrated their ordeal before the NIA. They told the agency that they were subjected to hard labour at the waste-segregation godown of Suman Shaikh Zakir alias Saudi Zakir, who is also an infiltrator from Bangladesh, at Bellandur.

They were paid Rs 7,000-9,000 per month, of which they had to pay Rs 3,500 per head for accommodation at the shed where they were confined to stay. If they sought better jobs like a security guard or at hospitals, Zakir used to threaten them that he would inform the Bengaluru police about their illegal stay and would get them arrested.

NIA made the revelation in the chargesheet before the Special Court, citing the statements of Mohammed Razak, Mahinder, Md Milan, Naseer, Elldo, Md Umar Farooz alias Muhammed Umar Farooz and Mijjan.

The case, registered on November 27, 2023, was about entities based in Karnataka with links to facilitators and traffickers in Assam, Tripura and Bangladesh, which are part of a transnational human trafficking network. They are involved in trafficking of people from Bangladesh and Rohingya of Myanmar origin into India.

The accused were using fake identity documents and were in touch with cadres of terrorist organisations operating from across the border.

The chargesheet was filed for the offences under the provisions of IPC, Foreigners Act and Passport (Entry into India) Act and Rules. Twelve accused in the charge sheet are Zakir, Firdoush, Muhammed Oli Ullah, Amol Chandra, Masud Sarder Md Sohag Gazi, SK Md Bellal, Md Mirazul, Zakir Khan, Md Badal Houladar, Md Kabir and Md Bachchu Gharami.

Network to understand onset of Parkinson's disease in India

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE Movement Disorders Society of India (MDSI), formed 10 years ago, has now started a National Parkinson's Network (NPN) to understand the country-specific scenario on Parkinson's Disease (PD). April 7 is observed as World Parkinson's Day. "The idea behind the NPN is to have data on PD to plug the gaps in the diagnosis, treatment and management (including palliative care) of this debilitating neurological disorder," said Dr Pramod Pal, Prof of Neurology and Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorders Specialist, NIMHANS. Pal is the founding secretary and is at present the president-elect of MDSI.

The national network on PD is acutely needed as the onset of PD has been found to be much earlier among Indians than in the West. A critical study by neurologists at the PD & Movement Disorders sub-speciality, Department of Neurology at NIMHANS has found that the "mean age of onset of PD among Indians is much earlier (around 51-52 years) in comparison to those in the West, where the average is 58 to 60 years," said Pal.

India has a "higher number of patients of PD who are younger and develop the disease when many are still working. Many need to discontinue work due to motor disability and also social and workplace stigmatization. The burden of care of PD patients is much higher in India, and unfortunately many patients are misdiagnosed, wrongly treated and have a poor quality of life," Pal added.

"There are very few epidemiological studies on PD in India. There is a disparity between availability, accessibility and affordability of treatment for patients with PD. More country-specific data on PD is necessary for drafting healthcare policies. There are only a handful of PD societies and there is a dearth of MD specialists in the country," he said.

Three B'luru medicos test positive for cholera

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THREE of the 47 students of Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI) Girls' Hostel, who were admitted to Victoria Hospital on Friday after reporting symptoms of diarrhea and dehydration, have tested positive for cholera.

While test reports indicate the presence of Vibrio cholera via the hanging drop method and culture test for two students, another tested positive through the hanging drop method, with the culture report still pending. However, the water samples collected from the hostel tested negative for cholera.

Twenty-one students were discharged from the hospital on Saturday afternoon. Following the suspected cholera outbreak, an order was issued to suspend the girls' hostel warden, Dr Akhilandeshwari, with immediate effect after Dr Ramesh Krishna K, dean and director of BMCRI, brought to the notice of the principal secretary, Medical Education Department (MDE), that neither the warden nor the inmates informed him about the issues in the hostel.

The principal secretary and the chairperson of the Women's Commission visited the hospital and the hostel following Dr Krishna's report on inadequate facilities for BMCRI students. This problem is due to the increased number of students, including those from the Government Dental College and Research Institute, accommodated in the BMCRI hostel.

Following the principal secretary's direction, a meeting was held and several instructions issued.

Dr Suresh, the food inspector, was tasked with visiting all kitchens in BMCRI hostels and its associated hospitals and submitting a report and providing advice on hygiene and sanitation. Dr Krishna was instructed to set up a committee to oversee the functioning of all hostels. The committee will hold monthly meetings and visit the hostels.

HOT DAYS

Citizens hold a demonstration to create awareness on saving water and the environment at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

EXPRESS READ

Man murdered by brother at the behest of mother

BENGALURU: A 56-year-old man was murdered by his brother on the behest of their mother over a suspected property dispute in Ramanagara district police limits. The accused after killing the victim tried to set the body on fire. The victim has been identified as Beeraiah, a resident of Vibuthikere village. The accused, Beeraiah's brother Renukaiah was arrested, when the former's wife, Shivamma came in search of him and saw the half burnt body. She filed a complaint against her mother-in-law and Renukaiah. The police are ascertaining the role of the deceased's mother, Ningamma in the murder and are yet to arrest her. Sources said Ningamma was staying with Renukaiah and often had arguments with the deceased over a two-acre land. On Wednesday night, when the victim had gone to his field, he saw the accused setting fire to his mango trees. When he objected, Renukaiah killed Beeraiah at the behest of Ningamma. Shivamma said her husband was beaten to death.

63-yr-old woman killed at her farmhouse

ENS @ Bengaluru

A 63-year-old woman who was alone at her farm house in Girigowdana Doddi was found brutally murdered in Kaggalipura police limits on Friday evening. The victim, Shantamma, has been alone in the farmhouse spread across five acres, since her husband had died of a heart attack, around 10 months ago. Her only son is also said to have died in a road accident five years ago.

The victim is said to have a steel factory in Girinagar. Her nephew who is a doctor in Mangaluru had arranged for a personal driver for her. The driver, Veeresh, would take her to the steel factory and other places. The woman has been hacked to death in the farm house, and her driver was also allegedly attacked. He managed to drive to Mangaluru to inform the nephew, who reported the murder at the Kaggalipura police station.

"The exact reasons for the murder is yet to be ascertained. A police team has been sent to her steel factory in Girinagar. She had recently purchased a two acre disputed land. There was a dispute between the previous owner of the land and their relative. The relative objected to the deed with Shantamma without his signature. We are also looking if this land purchase was the reason for her murder," said an officer part of investigation.

The farmhouse was thoroughly fenced. It is difficult for an outsider to get inside. The involvement of an insider is also suspected.

Shantamma's body has been shifted to Rajarajeswari Hospital.

Woman, minor son held for robbery

BENGALURU: A 32-year-old woman, who was allegedly using two minors, including her own son, to commit robberies in different parts of the city, has been arrested by Annapoorneshwari Nagar police. The woman was reportedly doing a recce of the areas and allegedly conveying details to her son and his friend to commit the robberies. The two minors would snatch chains from women on morning walks or from those found cleaning the front yards of their houses. The woman has been identified as Roja of Chikkaballapur, who along with her 17-year-old son, was arrested on April 1. The police are on the lookout for the other boy. The two boys would go on a two-wheeler to commit robberies. The vehicle has been seized, along with 103 grams of gold worth about Rs 5 lakh.

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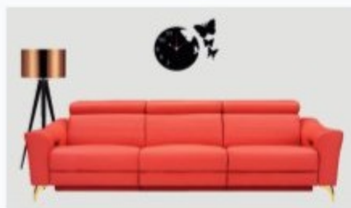
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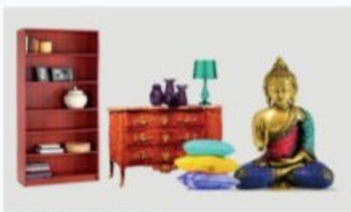
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Nirmala attacks Dinesh Gundu Rao for revealing identity of a witness in cafe blast case; Slams TN CM for his statement that BJP-PMK alliance will be driven out

APPEASEMENT BY CONG GOVT LEADING TO TERROR, SAYS FM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

UNION Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday alleged that minority appeasement politics played by the Congress government in Karnataka is leading to terrorist attacks.

"Karnataka is becoming a centre for appeasement as terror attacks are brazen and pro-Pakistan slogans are being raised in Vidhana Soudha. An implicit support is being extended to perpetrators and wrongdoers, who feel that it is alright and they can get away. As a result, the bomb blast happened in Rameshwaram Cafe," she charged.

She attacked Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao for revealing the identity of a witness by claiming that the National Investigation Agency (NIA) had picked up a BJP worker for questioning. "It is unwarranted as revealing the identity of the culprit has one kind of impact, but revealing that of a witness is despicable. Will he protect the witness," she questioned. She drew a parallel and said after the 2008 Mumbai blasts, Congress coined the phrase 'Hindu terror' to deflect the issue.

She charged that the Congress government in the state has given away land given by a donor to the minorities to set up a veterinary hospital.

Listing out issues, including parading and stripping of a tribal woman in Belagavi, she alleged that the government is mishandling the law and order situation as incidents of rape have gone up by 72 per cent since January 2024.

She said, "It is worrying and sad that the cosmopolitan city suffers from water-related problems and the spread of cholera is a very big concern."

On the Congress manifesto that was released on Friday and that included revisiting the provisions of PMLA and reopening of Rafale and Pegasus 'scams', she said Congress leaders should come out clean in cases where they are out on bail. "The manifesto lacks vision. They promise Rs 1 lakh to women annually. Will they fund the scheme by transferring the money from the National Herald Trust," she mocked.

"BJP does not fear the I.N.D.I.A bloc, which is offering no alternative to Modi's ideas, except to unseat him and grab power," she said.

Attacking Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin for his statement that the BJP-PMK alliance will be driven out, she said, "If a party and CM believe in democracy, they will not speak like this. It is the language from those who believe in fascism and who are driven by extreme separatist notions. He should measure his words."

BJP state president BY Vijayendra accompanies Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to their press meet in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Nirmala rejects Cong govt's narrative

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WITH this being the situation, Sitharaman, who is Rajya Sabha member from Karnataka, rushed to the state on Saturday to undo the damage done. Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda had dared her to an open debate, but she chose to address a press conference.

Sitharaman categorically rejected the narrative set by the Congress stating that people know that Modi has fulfilled their aspirations. She clarified that there is no provision in the NDRF Act for compensation, special assistance or interim relief as the state governments have to provide relief for those affected by disasters. "I agree that in such matters, the delay is completely avoidable. But the state governments have to provide relief immediately under the State Disaster Relief Fund (SDFR)," she said.

She claimed that the Centre has released its share of Rs 697 crore, out of Rs 928 crore, in two instalments of Rs 348 crore to the state well in advance under SDRF. "I am not trying to cover up the delay. But the Centre does not wait for the disaster to happen to release funds under SDRF," she said.

The HLC is awaiting ECI's approval to hold the meeting to take a call on releasing NDRF funds. The PM Kisan Samman Nidhi and crop insurance reached farmers without much delay, she said.

Sitharaman said the 15th Finance Commission did not recommend a special grant of Rs 5,495 crore to Karnataka in its final report for 2021-2026, which the Centre has accepted in toto. The recommendations for special grants to states, including Karnataka, Telangana and Mizoram, were not accepted because of the interim report, she said.

FM deliberately confusing SDRF & NDRF, says CM

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

THE war of words between the State and Centre over the devolution of funds and special grants continued on Saturday with CM Siddaramaiah saying that the people of Karnataka will teach the BJP leaders a lesson for their "lies and betrayal".

Taking to 'X', the CM said, "The narrative of Smt@nsitharaman becomes more tangled with her statements on special grants. She implied that the Finance Commission recommended special grants of Rs 5,495 crore only in an initial report and not in the subsequent one, leading to the non-disbursement of these grants by the Centre. This portrayal is misleading. The 15th Finance Commission issued two comprehensive reports, one for 2020-21 and another for 2021-26, without making a distinction between 'preliminary' and 'final' recommendations. Her claims starkly misrepresent the Finance Commission's stance."

The CM, who also holds the finance portfolio, said Sitharaman was perhaps deliberately confusing the two distinct funds of SDRF and NDRF. "Let me enlighten you (Nirmala) as to how disaster management is dealt with. There are 2 funds: SDRF & NDRF. Funds under SDRF are allocated every year and this is shared between centre & state in the ratio of 75:25. This fund is state's right & its quantum is determined by the Finance Commission. SDRF is used for routine disaster relief. When the scale of the disaster is large, then a memorandum is submitted to the Centre for funds under NDRF. Drought in Karnataka is unprecedented... The money available under SDRF is not sufficient to provide for crop failure of over 48 lakh hectares belonging to 34 lakh farmers. For providing relief for crop loss as per the norms we need Rs 4,663 crore. This money is farmer's right...."

He said Sitharaman announced that the Centre allocated Rs 697 crore to Karnataka from SDRF. "...This fund is something states are entitled to based on the Finance Commission's recommendation, it is not a favor.... with drought-induced damages escalating beyond Rs 37,000 crore, our plea for additional support of Rs 18,171 crore from NDRF seems to be falling on deaf ears."

He further tweeted, "In response to queries regarding Rs 6,000 crore earmarked for significant infrastructure and environmental projects, as endorsed by the Finance Commission, the Finance Minister pointed to interest-free loans provided by the Centre. Why should Karnataka resort to loans when it is entitled to these funds as per the Commission's recommendations?" He said such incidents cast doubt on the Finance Minister's proficiency and understanding of fiscal policies.

LS polls about Modi, the only guarantee: Surya

BALA CHAUHAN @ bengaluru

THE forthcoming Parliamentary elections will see the re-election of Prime Minister Narendra Modi the third time, said incumbent

Bengaluru South MP and president of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), Tejasvi Surya. He has been renominated from the constituency against Sowmya Reddy from the Congress for the impending elections that begin from April 19. Surya filed his nomination on Thursday.

"The elections are about electing Prime Minister Modi. People in the country want stability and they have understood that he alone can give

them stability. They have watched him deliver in the last 10 years. I've been on the ground, interacted with people and know their pulse.

They will vote for Modi," said Surya in an informal chat with TNIEK. Speaking about Karnataka, which has 28 Parliamentary constituencies, he said that a clean sweep by the BJP "would not be a surprise because of the Modi factor." Regarding Bengaluru South constituency from where he is contesting the second time, Surya said he is expecting to win this time by a margin of at least five lakh votes. In 2019, he had won against BK Hariprasad from the Congress with a huge margin of 3,31,192 votes.

Surya countered the allegations made by the Congress against the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre on drought relief and release of Central funds to Karnataka and said that the "tax devolution from the Centre to the state has increased by 258 per cent between 2014 and

2024, which is 3.5 times more compared to the 10 years of the UPA government."

On Opposition's allegation of polarisation against the BJP, Surya said the "the Congress should stop insulting the collective intelligence of the people, who can see behind their lies. The PM believes in 'sabka saath, sabka vishwas' and has taken everybody along," added the BJP MP. "Modi is the biggest guarantee," said Surya, while answering the question on whether the five guarantees of the Congress will become an election game changer.

I.N.D.I.A CANNOT COME TO POWER, SAYS FORMER PM

ARASIKERE: JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda continued his attack against Congress leaders during poll campaigns in Hassan. Interestingly, Gowda also reached Hubli levels in his home turf. Taking a dig at Congress leaders at Nagarahalli in Arasikere taluk, Gowda challenged them to defeat his grandson Prajwal in the election. Predicting poor performance by the I.N.D.I.A bloc, Gowda said the alliance cannot come to the power at the Centre due to various reasons. The Congress leaders are allegedly manipulating people through "bogus" guarantees. "Is it possible for any government to fulfil 25 guarantees, which require the whole annual budget?" he asked. ENS

ASHOKA HITS OUT AT GOVT OVER DROUGHT SITUATION

BENGALURU: Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka said though there was a 67% deficit rainfall in July last year, the state government delayed declaring drought by three months. Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru, the BJP leader said the media was reporting about a drought-like situation and dip in storage levels in reservoirs, but the government did not take measures immediately. Ashoka was defending Union Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks that the state government delayed in declaring drought. He accused the state government of delaying sending the report and blaming the Centre for not releasing funds to the state. ENS

BJP-JDS alliance candidate for Mandya HD Kumaraswamy greets BJP MLC AH Vishwanath in Mysuru on Saturday. Kumaraswamy sought Vishwanath's support to defeat the Congress in the Lok Sabha polls | EXPRESS

State declared drought early, but no relief till now, says KBG

ENS @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA's Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda on Saturday attacked BJP central leaders and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for the step motherly treatment meted out to the state and for not giving its share of GST collections and taxes.

Sitharaman did not attend the open discussion organised by Jagruta Karnataka at Gandhi Bhavan. Krishna Byre Gowda flashed documents, detailing the efforts of the state government seeking grants withheld by the Centre.

Speaking to the empty chair reserved for Sitharaman, Byre Gowda asked, "Did Karnataka get its fair share from taxes and GST it paid to the central government?" He said drought should be declared on October 31 and if the situation is severe, it can be done earlier. The state declared it on September 13, a full one-and-a-half months earlier. On September 22, it submitted a request to the Centre for compensation. Between October 4 and 9, a central team conducted a drought study in the state. It submitted the report on October 20, he added.

"This report should have been reviewed and recommended by the secretary to the agriculture department of the central government. A decision should have been taken within a month and a meeting held by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. But it has not been done so far," he stressed.

Though the Centre announced Rs 5,300 crore for the Upper Bhadra Project, it was not mentioned in the Union Budget, he said. He said Karnataka has the capacity to increase tax collection by 15% every year. "But after GST implementation, taxes for states like ours are decreasing. Rs 18,897 crore was allocated to the state in 2019-20 after the implementation of GST. We lost Rs 34,570 crore in 2023-24 and we are losing Rs 30,000-32,000 crore every year. That was why the Finance Commission had directed the Centre to fully transfer the GST compensation to the states," he added.

The state should also get a share in the cess collected by the Centre. Rs 2,18,553 crore was collected from petroleum products in 2017-18, while it was Rs 5,52,789 crore in 2022-23. But the states did not get any share of this, he added.

BJP govt staring at defeat; Congress to win most seats in K'taka: Siddu, Shivakumar

V VELAYUDHAM @Mulbagal (Kolar)

KICK-starting the Congress' poll campaign here on Saturday, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah launched a scathing attack against the BJP, claiming that it is staring at imminent defeat. "The BJP government is under fear of defeat. The people of the state should not believe any of its assurance, for the BJP has turned into a factory of falsehood," alleged Siddaramaiah.

Taking part in a road show after performing puja at the Vinayaka Temple in Kudalamale in Mulbagal, and also offering prayers at a dargah and a church, the CM lambasted the BJP and said the Congress government has implemented all its five guarantees. He appealed for support for Congress candidate KV Gowtham, who he said had risen from the grassroots. Siddaramaiah was accompanied by DCM DK Shivakumar.

Siddaramaiah said the five gaurantees announced by the Congress have a warranty of five years. He questioned the BJP government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi over increase in prices of fuel, domestic cylinders, fertilisers, oils, and groceries. This has put financial strain on citizens.

"After the five guarantees were announced in the Assembly election manifesto, the Opposition parties made a hue and cry that they were impossible to implement. However, after their implementation, they are now trying to divert people's attention," he said, alleging that the BJP is giving false statements that after the Lok Sabha election all the gaurantees will be stopped. He said they will continue.

Meanwhile, Shivakumar mentioned that on the lines of Gruha Lakshmi scheme, if the Congress comes to power in the Centre, it will implement the Mahalaxmi scheme, wherein Rs 1 lakh will be given to a woman of a household, besides other schemes being implemented as well. He also claimed that in Karnataka, the Congress would win majority of the seats, with the people's blessings firmly with the candidates of the Grand Old Party.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and Congress Kolar candidate KV Gowtham at a rally in Mulbagal on Saturday | EXPRESS

YATHINDRA APPEALS TO PEOPLE TO VOTE CONGRESS FOR WELFARE

MYSURU: With Chief Minister Siddaramaiah keen on wresting the Mysuru-Kodagu seat from ths BJP his son and former MLA **Yathindra**, who is heading the Congress campaign in Chamundeshwari, has appealed to the people to vote for the Grand Old Party, "which works for the welfare of the common man". He said that the people should analyse the performance of the BJP government and decide to vote for the Congress, which has worked for the welfare of the poor since decades. Addressing Congress workers in the Chamundeshwari constituency, he said the BJP had assured of doubling farmers' income, but failed to generate employment. "It (BJP) has not fulfilled any of its promises. The Congress that came to power in 2018 fulfilled 158 out of 165 assurances made to the people of the state and introduced many programmes, including Anna Bhagya, loan waiver, and Indira Canteens. He said the Congress government implemented its five guarantees within five months that economically empowered families, women and the youth.

BJP STRUGGLES TO PICK CANDIDATES, WAITS FOR BJD MOVE

Leaders attribute delay to lack of credible faces in 2 tribal-dominated constituencies

BIJOY PRADHAN @ Bhubaneswar

BJP is still grappling with scarcity of candidates for nine of the 28 Assembly segments under four parliamentary constituencies going to polls in the first phase on May 13.

With the exception of Kalahandi parliamentary constituency where candidates have been nominated for all Assembly segments, the saffron party has named candidates for three Assembly seats each under Koraput and Nabarangpur Lok Sabha constituency in its first list of 112 candidates announced on April 2.

Attributing the delay in selection of candidates to lack of credible faces in the two tribal dominated parliamentary constituencies covering three districts where the ruling BJD is the dominant force, sources in BJP said the party leadership is still doing the mathematics of permutation and combination to pick the right candidates.

"The problem with the party is that it has insignificant presence in the four parliamentary constituencies notwithstanding the fact that the BJP had won the Kalahandi seat last time. There are many ticket aspirants but hardly any of them have the fire to win," said a senior leader of the party.

The party had fielded Sisir Gamnago, son of former chief minister Giridhar Gamango from Gunupur. After he left the party along with his father to join Bharat Rastra Samiti (BRS), the party nominated a former BJD MLA Trinath Gomanga. The party is yet to choose between Siba Sankar Ulaka and Jagannath Nundruka, a former BJD leader who recently joined BJP, for Bisam Cuttack Assembly segment of Korapur Lok Sabha seat.

Ulaka has been tested twice by BJP. He contested the Koraput Lok Ssbha seat in 2014 and lost miserably by coming third with 89,788 votes. The party had given him a ticket for Bisam Cuttack in 2019. He came third again and the winning margin of the BJD candidate Jagannath Saraka was more than 40,000.

The possibility of BJP nominating Nudruka appears high as he has served the district BJD in different capacities. A two-time sarpanch and samiti member, he served as the vice president of Rayagada district unit of BJD and president of Koraput Central-Cooperative Bank and Special Development Council.

Similar is the situation in Rayagada Assembly seat where the party is in a dilemma whether to repeat Basant Kumar Ulaka who came fourth in 2019. The seat was won by Makarand Muduli, who had contested as an Independent after he was denied a ticket by Congress.

₹10 above limit, poll squad seizes ₹50,010 from woman

R KIRUBAKARAN @ Coimbatore

A WOMAN based out of Coimbatore, has complained with the State Election Commission (EC) and the district collector, against the Flying Squad Team (FST) officials accusing them of seizing her Rs 50,000 cash, after receiving another 10 rupees from her, showing that she was carrying Rs 50,010 - beyond the permissible cash limit against the MCC.

"Though I showed proper documents, withdrawal message from my mobile, and the account data available on my laptop, they did not accept it. To bring the amount beyond Rs 50,000, they purposely made me add Rs 10 and, after that, they seized the cash," said Suriya Priya (34), an accountant - handling the accounts of a micro industry which manufactures spare parts of wet grinder at Nava India in the city, owned by her husband Suresh Babu.

She was intercepted by the FST team at Indira Garden near Singanallur on Saturday around 11 am when she was travelling in her two-wheeler with Rs 50,000 heading to their company, from her residence at Karunanidhi Nagar at SIHS Colony.

"The cash was in the denomination of Rs 500, to disburse weekly salary to our staff. I am aware of the election rules and I took only Rs 50,000 which the permissible limit of cash without any documents. Even after I explained this to the officials, one of them asked me to give Rs 20 in cash. As I didn't have the amount, I told them that Rs 10 was in my mobile back cover, which I kept a few months ago, for emergency purposes. After I gave the 10 rupees currency, they started to claim the seizure was Rs 50,010," said Suriya Priya.

After around three hours, they returned the cash and set her free. She then sent a complaint letter to DC Kranthi Kumar Pati and the ECI. The election officials said that they did not harass her. They seized the amount as she did not have any documents and later it was handed over to her after producing the documents.

DC Kranthi told TNIE that the FST team did not have any targets and assured to order an inquiry in the case. "Every checking would be videographed. Hence we can check the video footage. Action will be taken against concerned officials, once the allegations are proven," said the Collector.

Future of automobiles electric: Kant

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

FORMER CEO of Niti Aayog, Amitabh Kant said that the future of automobiles is electric and it is very important for India as the sector accounts for 7 per cent of the country's GDP. However the automobile industry has seen huge disruptions around the globe, with countries moving away from fossil fuels and combustion engines to electric. If India wants to grow at a fast pace, capturing this market is critical, he said on Saturday while delivering the keynote address at Ather's (EV manufacturers) community day event. The former CEO of the think tank also warned that if India doesn't accelerate in the EV market, other countries will take over manufacturing and export.

"India's demographic is unique. There are only 28 cars per thousand people, and around 75% of the population which is 20-30 odd crore individuals are using two-wheelers, which is why it is important to make India's two and three-wheelers an all-electric affair. By 2030, we should achieve this target starting with 30% of all urban scooters going electric," Kant said.

He strongly advocated that all charging stations and batteries should be interoperable so that more Indians are encouraged to invest in electric scooters. Around 60% of the market for three-wheelers has gone electric, however, for two-wheelers, the figure is a mere 5 % that needs a serious push.

Kant also spoke about how Niti Aayog has worked with 20 IITs and IIITs to introduce a course on electric mobility. "The world of skilling has completely altered and jobs today need data scientists, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning experts. Our startups today need around 100,000 new product developers and therefore all institutions need an overhaul of their curriculum and catch up with evolving technologies.

Encouraging more companies to prioritise manufacturing EVs he added that the aim should be to become the biggest manufacturers in this domain and the largest exporters. Appreciating the company's newly launched family scooter Ather Rizta with top-notch technology interventions Kant said it is true Indian entrepreneurship as it is 'Indian hardware and Indian software.' The new scooter has a large seat and several safety features that help the rider have a good experience. Ather also launched a smart helmet called 'Halo'.

10 ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF 24-YEAR-OLD MIGRANT WORKER

Kochi: The police investigating into the death of a migrant worker in Valakom, near Muvattupuzha, have confirmed lynching. The police arrested 10 suspects who are said to have assaulted Asok Das (24), who hailed from Arunachal Pradesh, and worked as a chef at a restaurant in Valakom. All the ten -- Vijesh, Anish, Sathyan, Suraj, Keshav, Eliyas K Paul, Amal, Athul Krishna, Emil, and Sanal -- are residents of the village. Preliminary probe revealed that the mob had assaulted Asok, in what could be an act of moral policing gone wrong, said the police.

The chariot topples over and crashes at Kammasandra, Anekal taluk.

120-ft chariot crashes at temple fair, no casualties

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A 120-foot-tall chariot used in the Huskur Madduramma temple fair lost its balance and came crashing down near a super market at Kammasandra in Anekal taluk on Saturday. Police said no causalities were reported even as hundreds of devotees took part in the fair.

The historical annual Huskur Madduramma Temple fair draws huge crowd, as thousands of devotees, from nearby villages take part in the fair. Many devotees from neighbouring state of Tamil Nadu also take part in the fair every year.

On Saturday, the chariot was coming from Heelalige to Huskur, when the incident took place. The chariot was pulled with the help of ropes tied to bullock carts and tractors. While the chariot was being pulled, it started to slightly lean, and within no time fell to the ground.

A video of the chariot falling has gone viral on social media.

LOST

We, **FEROZE PASHA AND SIDDIQUE BASHA,** Both Sons of Late. Mohammed Shuja Ul Huq residng at No G-1, Munawar Apartments, No. 294, Thimmaiah Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051, have lost the following Share certificate of Apollo hospital enterprise Ltd. Folino No. 5018/ Certificate no 355019 / distinctive No. 6010513-6010716

Contact Person
FEROZE PASHA
Contact No. **9845007876**

PUBLIC NOTICE

That, **Sri. R. Lakshminarayana** S/o Late. Ramaiah, aged about 53 years, residing at No. 15,1st Cross, 4th Main, Byatarayanapura, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560026, the owner of the under-mentioned Schedule properties submits that he has lost the following original Documents:

1. Deed of Sale dated 15.04.1991 executed by Sri. Hanumaiah S/o Anjanappa in favour of R.Lakshminarayana S/o Ramaiah, Registered as Document No. 981/1991-92 of Book 1, Volume No.1443 and page No.56 to 59 on 22.09.1991 in the Office of Sub- Registrar, Srirampura, Bengaluru in respect of property bearing Municipal No. 14, 3rd 'A' Cross, Deepanjalinagara, Bengaluru.
2. Deed of Sale dated 26.09.1994 executed by Sri. Narasimaiah S/o Ramaiah in favour of R.Lakshminarayana S/o Ramaiah, Registered as Document No. 2092/1994-95 of Book 1, Volume No. 1716 and page No.186 to 189 on 12.10.1994 in the Office of Sub-Registrar, Srirampura, Bengaluru in respect of property bearing Municipal No. 10, 3rd 'A' Cross, Deepanjalinagara, Bengaluru.

Any person/s financial Institution/s having possession of the above documents or asserting any claim, right, title or interest over the Schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or against the owner of the schedule property should contact the undersigned in writing **within 10 days** (Ten days) of the issuance of this Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights, after which period any claim or objection thereafter will not be binding over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE - PROPERTIES

ITEM No. 1: All the piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No.14, 3rd 'A' Cross, Deepanjalinagara, Bengaluru measuring on the East to West 20 feet and North to South 22 feet and bounded as follows: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Municipal No. 10, **North by:** Road, **South by** : Ramaiah's Property.

ITEM No. 2: All the piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No. 10, 3rd 'A' Cross, Deepanjalinagara, Bengaluru measuring on the East to West 15 feet and North to South 20 feet and bounded as follows: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Anjanappa's Property, **North by** R. Lakshminarayana's Property, **South by:** Private Property.

Sd/-
Sri SIDDEGOWDA, Advocate
9, Ground Floor, 1st Cross, Soudhamini Layout, Bangalore - 560 062.
Mob: 9845815282. Dated: 06-04-2024

Debts Recovery Tribunal - II, Bengaluru, 4th Floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru 560001.

DRC NO: 10399
VIJAYA BANK, JALAHALLI, BANGALORE
...Certificate Holder
Versus
SRI. C.S. VEDANANDAM
DEMAND NOTICE
SRI. C.S. VEDANANDAM
Sri N.C. Srinivasulu Chetty Prop: M/s Integrated Engineers No. 4, Kembyrappa Building Opp. Sharadamba Temple Jalhalli, Bangalore-560 013 And R/a No. 45, 3rd Cross Kodandaramapura Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003.
...Defendant

In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in O.A No. 807/2012 passed by the Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore an amount of Rs. 13,74,970/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand 20 minutes ago Nine Hundred Seventy Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of O.A. till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on 31st day of may 2018.

RECOVERY OFFICER
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
BANGALORE

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any Interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

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ONE BOOK, ONE PEN, ONE CHILD, AND ONE TEACHER CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

MALALA YOUSAFZAI

Form No.14: (See Regulation 33 (2))
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

RC NO: 1100/2019

Canara Bank, Branch Office at: No 28/29, 18th Main, 7th Cross, BTM 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560076 ....**Certificate Holder Bank**
-- Versus --
Mr. Khyser Pasha. B and another ...**Certified Debtor/Defendants**

DEMAND NOTICE

1. Mr. Khyser Pasha. B S/o. Mr. Abdul Pasha, R/at: No. 116, 10th Main Road, BTM 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560029
And also available at: Mr. Khyser Pasha. B S/o. Mr.Abdul Pasha, R/at. No. 10, 1st Main Road, New Gurappanapalya, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560029
2. Mr Basha A S/o Mr Abdul Azeez, Aged about 64 years R/at: No. 10, 1st Main Road, New Gurappanapalya, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560029
...Certified Debtor/Defendants

In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No 25/2018** passed by the Ho'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on **dated 20/4/2019** an amount of **Rs.12,13,761.80 (Rupees Twelve Lakh(s) Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty One And Paise Eighty Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay All charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **26th day of June, 2020.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- 2, BANGALORE.

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment". 3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.

FORM NO. 14: [See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)
4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru, Pincode - 560001

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/256/2023 IN OA NO 404/2023
CANARA BANK
-- Versus --
M/s AB AND NF PROCESS EQUIPMENTS PVT LTD, REP BY ITS DIRECTORS, 1. MR. B.AMEER AHMAD, 2. ABIDA BANU, 3.MRS.NAQUEEB FATHIMA AND OTHERS

To,
(CH) Canara Bank, Branch Office At No 28/29, 18th Main, 7th Cross, Btm 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076 Karnataka ...**Certificate Holder**
Vs
(CD1) M/s AB AND NF PROCESS EQUIPMENTS PVT LTD, Rep by its Directors 1. Mr. B.Ameer Ahmad, 2. Abida Banu, 3.Mrs.Naqueeb Fathima, No.1618 1st Floor, 9th B Main, 4th Cross, BTM 1st Stage, Bangalore-560029.
(CD 2) Mr. B.Ameer Ahmed, No.1618, 1st Floor, 9th B Main, 4th Cross, BTM 1st Stage, Bangalore-560029, Karnataka
(CD 3) Mrs.Abida Banu, No.5, 5th Main, BTM 1st Stage, Bangalore-560029 Karnataka
(CD 4) Mrs. Naqueeb Fathima, No.1618, 1st Floor, 9th B Main, 4th Cross, BTM 1st Stage, Bangalore-560029, Karnataka .....**Certificate Debtors**

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2) in **OA/404/2018** an amount of **Rs. 1360684 (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Sixty Thousands Five Hundred Eighty Four Only)** along with pendentelite and future interest payable as per the R.C. w.e.f. **05/01/2018** till realization and costs of **Rs 61265 (Rupees Sixty One Thousands Two Hundred Fifty Five Only)** has become due against you jointly and severally. 2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under. 3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing. 4. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this **date: 13/10/2023.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 2)

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Mrs. Aruna W/o. P. Chandrashekhar Reddy, Residing at No. 15, 1st Main, Gurumurthy Temple Road,Bengaluru-560102. Aadhar. 875591945197, is the absolute owner of the Property bearing Vacant Site No. 161/1, Khatha No. 34/250, BBMP New Khatha No. 243/12/161/1/34/250, Situated at Somasandrapalya Village, Haralukunte Dakhle, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,; Measuring East to West 30 feets and North to South 35 feet, and bounded on East by Property belongs to Venkataswamy, Presently Rajamma, West by Property belongs to Pilla Reddy presently Ammaiyamma, North by Road and South by Property belongs to Anjena Reddy Presently Sarojamma.

While renovating /repainting her house, my client has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 17/08/2004, Document No. BAS-1-13017/2004-05 stored in C.D. No. BASD86, Book-1, SRO Bangalore South Taluk, pertaining to the above property.

In the event any person finds or in possession of the above said original document, kindly handover the same to the below mentioned address within 07 days of the publication of this notice. The general public are informed not to act on the basis of the said original document.

SOMASHEKHARA A.N, Advocate
No. 105, 3rd Floor, MR Mansion 12th 'D' Main Road Muthyalanagar Bengaluru - 560 054.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.DCE-CN-CLT-OT-03-2024
Dated: 05/04/2024

Name of the work: Shoranur Mangalore Central section- Proposed construction of lakhs months Limited U se Subway (LU S Vadakumbad) Proposed balance works including completion of subway approaches, protective works & other miscellaneous works at kin 652/500-600 between Kadalundi and Faroke. stations (Deposit work)

Tender Value: Rs. 80.54 lakhs

Completion Period: 6 months

Date of Opening: 29/04/2024 @ 12.30 hrs

Complete details & tender document will be available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in**

Deputy Chief Engineer/ Construction, Kozhikode.

BEFORE, THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 KARNATAKA
4th Floor, BSNL Building Raj Bhava Road, Bangalore - 560001
ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 484 OF 2023

IN THE MATTER OF:
BANK OF MAHARASHTRA ...APPLICANT
VERSUS
SOMASHEKAR AND ANOTHER ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To,

1. SOMASHEKAR N, S/o Late Nanjundaiah, Aged 42 years, Residing at NO.164, 2nd Cross, Sri Ranganagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560085.

2. M VIDYARANI, W/o Somashekar N, Aged 36 years, Residing at No. 164, 2nd Cross Sri Ranganagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560085.

Whereas the Applicant bank has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Bank and Bankruptcy Act 1993 against you for the sum of recovery of Rs. 50,26,438/- (RUPEES FIFTY LAKHS AND TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND AND FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT) with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before 08.05.2024 at 10.30AM in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice, that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned hereinabove, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on this 12 February 2024. **Sd/-**

Signature of the Officer
(Authorized to issue summons)
DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2
BANGALORE

SEAL

Bank of Baroda

Premises Dept, Zonal Office, Vijaya Towers, 41/2, 2nd Floor, Vijaya Towers,M.G Road, Bengaluru-560001. Ph No. 25011402

REQUIREMENT OF PREMISES ON LEASE/RENTAL BASIS

Bank of Baroda invites proposals/offers from the owners having clear and marketable titles over land and built-up property with the carpet area of 2200 to 2700 sq.ft on ground floor for housing Sanjay nagar Branch with all facilities including adequate power supply. The intending offerer shall submit their offers in two separate sealed covers superscribed as "Technical bid" and "Financial bid" to the following address: The Zonal Head, Bank of Baroda, 2nd floor, Zonal Office, Vijaya Towers, Trinity Circle, MG Road, Bengaluru-560001 on or before **10.04.2024** by **15.00 hrs.** For details, please login on Tender section of our website **(http://www.bankofbaroda.com).**

Date: 06.04.2024
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Zonal Head, Zonal Office

THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD
Asset Recovery Branch
DIVISIONAL OFFICE BUILDING, No.6, Sri Vasavi Temple Road, Sajjan Rao Circle, V V Puram, Bangalore - 560 004.

DEMAND NOTICE

Reg: Notice issued under Sec 13 [2] of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 [SARFAESI Act] for recovery of dues in the loan a/c of **1) Mr. Munawar Sheriff (Borrower)** No.6, 7th B Cross, H-Cross, Bazar street, Neelsandar, Rose Garden, Bangalore– 560047, **2) Mr. Qairunnusa Firdose Abdul Suban (Co-Borrower)** S/o Abdul Subhan No.1675, Second Cross, Op to V Puram Post Office, Arokyamma Layout, Near Gem School, Bangalore – 560045, **3) Mr. Abdul Subhan (Guarantor)** S/o Basha No.4/2, Infentry Road Cross, Bangalore – 560001.

Whereas you have committed default in repayment of loans in the above mentioned loan account to the secured creditor bank for which your account has been classified NPA on **19.09.2023** the Bank had issued notice under the SARFAESI Act on **20.12.2023** calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount of **Rs.8,26,386.36/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Six and Paisa Thirty Six only).**

Whereas the notices sent to the above address by Regd. Post/Courier have been returned unserved. You are hereby called upon to visit the bank and obtain copy of the notice in your own interest in order to note the full particulars of the loan dues, securities charged to the bank etc.

You are hereby called upon to pay the amount as shown above together with interest from **05.12.2023** till date of payment within 60 days from the date of the notice failing which, the secured creditor Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of the secured assets hypothecated/ mortgaged to the bank as mentioned below, as per the provisions of SARFAESI Act.

Schedule-A : Residential Property bearing municipal No.6 (Old Site No.1, Sy.No.80/1, 7th 'A' Cross, Muniswamy Garden), PID No.69-55-6, situated at 7th B Cross, Bazaar Street, Neelasandra, Bangalore measuring East to West 16 feet, North to South 38 Feet totally measuring 608 sq feet bounded by : East By : Property bearing Old No.3, belonging to Sri. Nanda Kumar, West By : Portion of property bearing No.6, North By : 12" Wide Common Passage, South By : Property belonging to Sri. M Jayarama Gowda.

Date : 06.04.2024
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
The Karur Vysya Bank Limited

SOUTH INDIAN Bank
CIN: L65191KL1929PLC001017

Regional Office: SIB Arcade, #61, Wheeler Road, Cox Town, Bangalore – 560 005. Tel./ Fax No: +91 80-25479091 / 92
E-mail: **ro1010@sib.co.in.**
Website: **www.southindianbank.com**

RO-BNGL/108/Sale/02/2024-25 **Date: 06.04.2024**

E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6)&9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

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Priyank Kharge, Karnataka RDPR Minister

WILL BJP REGAIN ONE-TIME BASTION B'GAVI?

Differences within led to party losing majority of Assembly seats as it fielded 'outsiders'

SUNIL PATIL @ Belagavi

BELAGAVI, once a stronghold of the BJP, is now turning into a forte of the Congress.

By sidelining senior leaders and giving importance to those from outside the district, the BJP paid a heavy price in the 2023 Assembly elections. Of the 18 constituencies in the district, the BJP just managed to win seven seats. It also lost three MLC seats.

Before the 2023 Assembly polls, the BJP had 13 MLAs and three MLCs from the district.

According to political analysts, the saffron party has failed to take any corrective measures to regain the lost ground in the border district. And, the party has committed the same mistakes while announcing candidates for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

The BJP dropped its sitting Belagavi MP Mangala Angadi and fielded former chief minister **Jagadish Shettar**. Shettar, who had quit the BJP ahead of the 2023 Assembly polls and joined the Congress and became an MLC, returned to the saffron party this January. Shettar, who was an MLA from Dharwad district, is considered by many in Belagavi as an outsider.

Now, it will be quite interesting to see if the saffron party will make a comeback in Belagavi in the ensuing Lok Sabha polls.

The BJP's roller coaster ride in Belagavi began in 2019 when three Congress MLAs, including former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, quit the Grand Old Party and joined the saffron party. This ultimately led to the collapse of the JDS-Congress government in the state and helped BS Yediyurappa become the chief minister. BJP loyalists, however, expressed displeasure as the turncoats were made ministers.

The differences in the BJP continued even during the 2023 Assembly elections after tickets were given to 'outsiders'.

The party fielded Chikka Revanna, a fresh face, from the Ramdurg Assembly segment, sidelining sitting MLA Mahadevappa Yadwad citing his age. Similarly, the party did not give tickets to former DyCM Laxman Savadi from Athani, party loyalist Raju Kage from Kagwad, former MLA Sanjay Patil from Belagavi Rural, and Maruti Ashtagi from Yamkanmardi. This resulted in many leaders like Savadi quitting the BJP and joining the Congress. Similarly, senior BJP leader and former Rajya Sabha member Prabhakar Kore was not renominated to the Upper House citing his age.

Meanwhile, BJP workers in Belagavi are in a state of shock as the state leadership continues to sideline local leaders and rely on PM Narendra Modi's charisma to win the polls.

Now, all eyes are on the results on June 4 to know if the BJP will succeed in its political calculations and win its one-time stronghold of Belagavi.

> *The saffron party has failed to take any corrective measures to regain the lost ground in the border district. And, the party has committed the same mistakes while announcing candidates for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls* – Political analysts

CHANGING GEARS; BJP-JDS ON OVERDRIVE TO BUILD SYNERGY, CHALLENGES PERSIST

AFTER initial dithering over seat-sharing that caused some discomfiture, the BJP-JDS combine seems to be going on an overdrive to synergize the efforts to leverage each other's strengths. But Hassan, a key constituency for JDS, remains an Achilles' heel.

In the last few days, the coalition partners have made concerted efforts to put in place systems to ensure that the alliance works not just at the top, but even at the cadre level. That would be key to the transfer of votes in the battle against Congress that aims to continue its winning streak in the state.

The need for better coordination between the alliance partners was discussed extensively in the BJP-JDS leaders' meeting chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Bengaluru earlier this week. After that meeting, they took the initiative to bring cadres of both parties together. JDS workers will also be part of BJP's massive exercise of holding meetings at 58,000 booths in the state on April 10 and 11.

As optics matter in politics, top leaders from BJP and JDS were seen together during the candidates' nomination filing process in many constituencies. In Mandya, former chief minister BS Yediyurappa, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, and the party candidate from Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha constituency Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar accompanied former CM HD Kumaraswamy while he filed his nomination papers. It looked like a well-crafted strategy to send a message of unity to cadres in Mysuru and all Lok Sabha constituencies across the state.

However, the same bonhomie was not visible in neighbouring Hassan. Prominent local BJP leader and State General Secretary Preetham Gowda stayed away from JDS candidate Prajwal Revanna's nomination filing process. Though BJP state president BY Vijayendra accompanied the JDS leaders, local BJP leaders did not show much enthusiasm. In former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda's home district Hassan, the fight is largely between JDS and Congress, unlike Bengaluru Rural, Mysuru, Mandya, and other segments where coalition partners are putting up a united front.

The JDS is contesting from three seats — Hassan, Kolar, and Mandya. While it needs BJP support in all three seats, more so in Hassan where the regional party is facing a tough contest from Congress. In Kolar, the internal rift among the local Congress leaders is likely to help the regional party while BJP is not such a big force there.

So far as the Mandya seat is concerned, Sumalatha Ambareesh formally joining the BJP might add heft to JDS' campaign to some extent. The former CM contesting from the seat in the Vokkaliga heartland Mandya could help to blunt Congress efforts to win over the Vokkaliga support base in the Old Mysuru region.

After JDS hitched its bandwagon with BJP, Congress sees an opportunity to shift Vokkaliga votes away from the regional party. However, winning over a majority of Vokkaligas may not be an easy task for Congress given the animosity between former PM HD Deve Gowda and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. In assembly polls, a section of Vokkaligas had backed Congress headed by KPCC president D K Shivakumar.

Political analysts closely tracking the developments in the state feel the transfer of votes between BJP and JDS may not be as difficult as in the case of the Congress-JDS combine in the last LS polls. In 2019, when Congress-JDS faced the elections together, their votes did not transfer to each other. The alliance had also proved counter-productive, resulting in the defeat of many high-profile candidates including Kumraswamy's son Nikhil Kumaraswamy in Mandya. In that election, the alliance partners working at cross-purposes had helped the BJP win a historic high of 25 out of 28 Lok Sabha seats in the state.

Now, given its well-defined organizational structure and functionaries even at the booth level, it may not be difficult for the BJP to transfer its votes to JDS in most of the constituencies. The JDS may have to go that extra mile to convey its message to its workers and, more importantly to its supporters as its organizational structure at the booth level is not that well-defined.

Once the nomination withdrawal process is over on April 8, the BJP is planning to notch up its game with rallies addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other top central leaders in the 14 constituencies that are going to the polls in the second phase on April 26. The JDS' three seats and a high-profile Bengaluru Rural seat where JDS supremo Deve Gowda's son-in-law Dr CN Manjunath is contesting on the BJP ticket, are among the 14 seats.

As local Congress leaders are trying to fight the national elections on local issues, not falling into the BJP's game plan of centering the elections around Prime Minister Modi's leadership, the success of the BJP-JDS combine will depend on the effectiveness of vote transfer, which seems to be their focus now.

BJP workers shocked

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"MODI has resolved many issues faced by the country. Our country received global recognition because of him. Like many others, I want Modi to win the LS elections. I just want him to be in power to ensure nation's security," Vernekar said.

Vernekar, who was in Mumbai in the film industry, returned to Karwar recently to look after his mother.

"This is madness. Instead of doing such things, he must tell people about Modi's achievements. Even Modi will be happy," said Jagadish Naik, a BJP worker from Karwar.

Nanda Kishore, a local BJP leader, said, "This is really shocking. I appeal to youngsters not to indulge in such acts. We all want Modi to win. You can show your love for Modi in a manner that is appreciated by others. But not this way."

Agarwal to resolve rift between Prajwal, Preetham, says BJP leader

BR UDAYA KUMAR @ Hassan

BJP Karnataka in-charge for the Lok Sabha elections **Radha Mohan Das Agarwal** held an emergency coordination meeting of alliance partners BJP and JDS, following alleged complaints against former Hassan BJP MLA Preetham J Gowda by JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda in Hassan on Saturday.

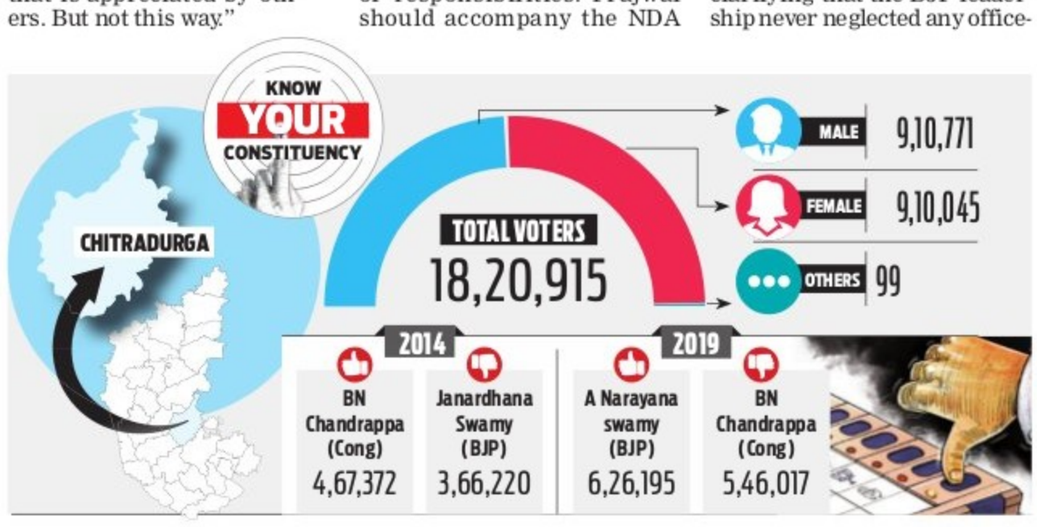
BJP sources said that Gowda complained to the BJP high-command over phone regarding the absence of Preetham during the nomination filing of NDA candidate Prajwal Revanna, and the joint rally by BJP and JDS in Hassan recently. Defending the absence of Preetham, who is also the BJP state general secretary, Agarwal said the former is also election in-charge of Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha constituency, a role which comes with its own set of responsibilities. Prajwal should accompany the NDA candidate, while campaigning there, said Agarwal.

A BJP leader said Prajwal and Preetham are slated to meet in the presence of Agarwal in Mysuru, following directions from the BJP top brass on Sunday. Agarwal decided to resolve the rift between Prajwal and Preetham, following the request by Prajwal in a coordination meeting. Agarwal also took an exception to the complaint against Preetham by a section of JDS workers in the meeting. He also expressed unhappiness with Prajwal for his alleged failure to take Preetham into confidence even over phone so for. "It is also not fair to take close confidants of Preetham into confidence after neglecting Prajwal," Agarwal added, clarifying that the BJP leadership never neglected any office-bearers or leaders. Prajwal said that he is optimistic about Preetham join the campaign in future.

'Guarantees will stop after election result is declared'

Taking AICC chairman Mallikarjuna Kharge to task for his alleged remarks against PM Narendra Modi in a programme to release the booklet of Congress' 25 guarantees, Agarwal said that all the five Congress guarantees in the state will be stopped immediately after the result of the general election is declared. To a question, he said that the alliance with regional party JDS in Karnataka will continue.

Meanwhile, he brushed aside alleged dissident activities by leaders in Shivamogga, Chitradurga and Davanagere, stating that the party will resolve such issues.



Exciting battle on cards in C'durga

G SUBHASH CHANDRA @ Chitradurga

FOR both Congress and BJP, it is a battle of prestige to win the Chitradurga (SC) Lok Sabha constituency, which is at the centre of the state. The segment will go for polling in the second phase on April 26.

The constituency, which went the saffron way in the 2019, has never reelected a sitting MP ever since the delimitation exercise in 2009. Realising that there could be an anti-incumbency factor against Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment A Narayanaswamy, BJP has fielded seasoned politician Govind M Karjol. Congress, meanwhile, has again picked former MP from the constituency BN Chandrappa, who is contesting from here for the third successive time.

Karjol may be the JDS-BJP alliance candidate, but he is entirely dependent on BJP ranks that are present in every village of the constituency, like Congress. Though Chitradurga was termed a Congress stronghold when the constituency was formed, the situation has undergone a change since then, with BJP making inroads since 2008 at the cost of JDS. The regional party, unlike in other districts of the Old Mysuru region, is completely nonexistent in the constituency, except for some pockets in the Hiriyur Assembly constituency.

The parliamentary segment has sizable voters belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. After them, Lingayats, Yadavas, Kunchitigas, Muslims, Kurubas and other communities form the electorate. Both Congress and BJP are eyeing Madiga voters, who too form a major chunk of voters.

The constituency comprises Chitradurga, Holalkere, Hosadurga, Challakere, Hiriyur and Molakalmuru Assembly segments of Chitradurga district and Sira and Pavagada Assembly segments of Tumakuru district.

Underdeveloped constituency

Though Chitradurga has good road connectivity, it has not been developed and remains one of the most backward districts in the state. The lack of development is attributed to nonavailability of water, which is why issues like Upper Bhadra Project, Tumakuru to Davanagere direct railway line, better healthcare facilities, development of education sector and industrialisation hold sway in this election.

Voters here have voted differently in various polls. Amidst the Prime Minister Narendra Modi wave in 2014, Congress candidate BN Chandrappa won by a margin of over one lakh votes against Janardhana Swamy. But he lost in 2019 by a margin of 80,178 votes to BJP candidate A Narayanaswamy. This time, he is banking on Congress MLAs who have won Chitradurga, Hosadurga, Hiriyur, Challakere, Molakalmuru, Sira and Pavagada Assembly constituencies, while the party has a sizable presence in Holalkere, where BJP won.

BJP is depending on Modi's achievements in the last 10 years, Karjol's experience and Yediyurappa's influence among Lingayats. If the leads of all Congress candidates across the eight Assembly constituencies are totalled, it stands at over 2 lakh votes. Will it translate to the Lok Sabha election is the big question.

Both Congress and BJP candidates faced rebellion from their own ranks as both are not from Chitradurga district. Karjol hails from Mudhol, which is more than 500 km from here, while Chandrappa is from Tarikere, which is 100 km away and is attached to the Chitradurga parliamentary constituency. BJP's rebellion by Holalkere MLA M Chandrappa was quelled by former chief minister BS Yediyurappa, while the internal feud in Congress was tackled by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and KPCC president and DCM DK Shivakumar.

Poll factory strengthens dynastic politics

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's aggressive narrative against dynasty politics in Congress and regional parties has no relevance in Karnataka as all the three leading political parties, including BJP, are saddled with political dynasties.

It has been a long-held convention that if a sitting member passes away, his or her family member is given the ticket in the by-election. But now, without exception, dynasty politics is well entrenched and parties are not keeping up the morale of ordinary cadres by fielding grassroots workers.

Though Congress and BJP have fielded a few workers in a couple of seats, 24 candidates in this Lok Sabha election are from political families.

Congress tops the list with 16 candidates as even AICC president Mallkarjun Kharge's son-in-law Radhakrishna has got a ticket to contest from Kalaburagi, while his son Priyank is a minister in the Siddaramaiah government.

Six sitting ministers and a former minister have managed to get tickets to their children, wife, sons, daughters, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandson and brothers.

DK Suresh, brother of Deputy Chief Minister DK Shiva Kumar, contesting from Bengaluru Rural, Sunil Bose from Chamarajanagar, Priyanka Jarkiholi from Chikkodi, Prabha Mallikarjun from Davanagere, Sagar Khandre from Bidar, Shrayas Patel from Hassan, Raksha Ramaiah from Chikkaballapur, Samyuktha Patil from Bagalkot, Mansur Ali Khan from Bengaluru Central, Soumya Reddy from Bengaluru South, Mrinal Ravindra Hebbalkar from Belagavi, Geetha Shivarajkumar from Shivamogga are all from politically influential families.

In BJP, former chief minister BS Yediyurappa's son BY Raghavendra is contesting from Shivamogga, former chief minister SR Bommai's son and former CM Basavaraj Bommai from Haveri, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar -- heir of Srikanatadutta Narashimaraja Wadiyar -- from Mysuru-Kodagu, Gayathri Siddeshwara -- wife of sitting MP Siddeshwara -- from Davanagere and Annasaheb Shankar Jolle from Chikkodi too have family political lineages. Other than them, party leaders who have already served in various capacities for many years, including Jagadish Shettar, Srinivasa Poojary, K Sudhakar, B Sriramulu and others, have been picked, instead of giving tickets to the party's young blood.

From JDS, two of the three seats allocated to it as part of the alliance with BJP have gone to the family members of party supremo HD Deve Gowda. While his grandson Prajwal Revanna is contesting from Hassan, his son and party state president HD Kumaraswamy is running from Mandya. His son-in-law Dr CN Manjunath, former director of Jayadeva Hospital, is contesting on a BJP ticket from Bengaluru Rural. The then chief ministers D Devaraj Urs and Ramakrishna Hegde had groomed a second line of leaders, including Sddaramaiah, who went on to become chief ministers and ministers later in their political careers.

Prof VK Natraj, former director of Madras Institute of Development Studies, said Karnataka had taken a step in the right direction in the 1970s by bringing all sections of society into electoral politics. But that trend is regressing now. Dynasty politics is for self-protection and it is not a good sign. It is unfortunate that both Congress and BJP are following family politics of JDS, he commented.

Asked about Congress accommodating candidates from political families, Siddaramaiah said winnability is the basic criterion in selecting the candidates.

Shivakumar opined that the leaders nowadays are being groomed in families. The party took everyone on board before announcing the tickets and ordinary party workers too have been chosen in Mysuru, Kolar and other places, he added.

Mysuru-Kodagu BJP Lok Sabha candidate Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar waves at the crowd during a rally in Mysuru on Saturday | UDAYASHANKAR S

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>
> DK Shivakumar, Deputy Chief Minister

Eshwarappa files caveat over use of Modi's portrait

Shivamogga: Former DCM and BJP rebel candidate **KS Eshwarappa** has filed a caveat in the Shivamogga district court to ensure no ex-parte order is passed if the district BJP moves court, seeking an order restricting him from using the portrait of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his election campaign. Recently, the issue of using Modi's portrait by Eshwarappa in his campaigns invited controversy, when sitting MP BY Raghavendra raised objections against it. In a reply to Raghavendra's statement, Eshwarappa questioned, "Is PM Modi the property of Raghavendra?" This issue has now reached the court. Eshwarappa has been using the PM's portrait during his campaigning across the constituency of Shivamogga, and taking this matter to court would check his rivals from moving court themselves. **ENS**

If Nirmala Sitharaman and S Jaishankar claim they are Tamils, then let them contest in Tamil Nadu like Tamilisai Soundararajan, L Murugan and K Annamalai and raise the Katchatheevu issue during the elections. Why are they hiding behind Narendra Modi and raising the issue?

P Chidambaram, Congress leader

'MODI HAS CREDIBILITY, NATION WANTS HIM BACK AS PM'

I&B Minister Anurag Singh Thakur says PM-led NDA government has laid the strong foundations of New India upon which he will raise a grand structure of Viksit Bharat

UNION Minister of Information and Broadcasting **Anurag Singh Thakur** exuded confidence in BJP's victory for a straight third term at the Centre. He said the people of the country trust Prime Minister Narendra Modi's style of working and 'Modi Ki Guarantee'. In an interaction with **Parvez Sultan**, the minister also spoke about the BJP's agenda for the next term and efforts to achieve the target of crossing the 400-seat mark. **Excerpts:**

What are the key achievements of the Modi government that may help BJP to retain power?

The most important is credibility. What PM Modi promised in 2014, he has delivered in 2024. When we came to power, India was among the fragile economies of the world. We are among the top five now. Pick any sector from health, education, and road to rail and civil aviation, India has progressed more than what the Congress could not achieve in 60 years. We have run an honest government. We have laid the strong foundations of New India; upon which we'll raise a grand structure of Viksit Bharat.

What are the agendas for the third term?

We had a meeting of the council of ministers about three week ago in which we prepared a roadmap for the next 25 years; what the government will do in the first 100 days of coming into power. We also discussed the achievements to be made in the next five years. This has never been done by any government. This is the difference between the Modi government and the previous dispensations.

The BJP already has the maximum possible seats in many places. How will you better your tally to meet the target of '400-paar'?

The BJP is going to win the highest number of seats ever in the South; from Telangana to Tamil Nadu, from Andhra Pradesh to Karnataka, and Kerala. I am not getting into the numbers because the ultimate aim is 400-plus seats. For example, in Telangana, it is going to be in double digits. In Karnataka, last time, we performed extraordinarily. People are already fed up with false promises of the Congress government as it could not deliver. They also don't have the capability, competence and the will to fulfill the promises in Karnataka. You look at the kind of response we are getting in Tamil Nadu, it is overwhelming. People are fed up with the policies of both DMK and AIADMK. And they are looking at the BJP.

PARVEEN NEGI

The BJP attacks opposition leaders for their alleged involvement in corruption cases. It is said that when an opposition leader with one case or another joins your party, there is no action against him or her.

People with serious allegations against them have been investigated. If there was evidence, they must have faced action. However, the Opposition keeps making allegations. They also say that electronic voting machines (EVMs) are tempered with; the Election Commission is partial and whatnot. Allegations may be leveled against anyone, but until investigation is done, evidence is collected and they are not convicted, they have the right to go anywhere. So, when AAP MP Sanjay Singh gets bail, then the ED is good, when Arvind Kejriwal gets jail, the same ED is bad. You can't have two yardsticks. Similarly, If you win elections, you don't make remarks about EVMs. I assure you that nobody, who has done corruption in this country will be spared.

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Anurag Singh Thakur, I&B Minister

People who faced action by ED, CBI or I-T contributed to your party through electoral bonds. The biggest beneficiary of electoral bonds is the BJP. What do you have to say?

People must have donated to political parties from 1947 to 2014 during which India saw many elections. But we didn't know. We are the one who brought this transparent process (bonds) by passing a law; made the process more transparent, making the system accountable.

Why wasn't the disclosure of donors allowed?

When this (electoral bonds) was discussed in Parliament, it was clearly mentioned that nobody should be harassed for political funding. So it was in the interest of people who intended to donate; their identity should not be exposed or should be made public; otherwise, there would be a lot of mudslinging. We wanted that transparency, but the family-owned political parties never wanted it. I think let us wait for two years or so. I personally feel the Supreme Court itself will realize that this was a better system. The judgment has come, we will adhere to that. The country will experience it in the next few years and may ask from where the political funding is coming.

Non-BJP-ruled states complain about step-motherly treatment by the Centre. Tamil Nadu has moved Supreme Court for not getting flood relief funds. Kerala is also in the top court over the state's borrowing powers. You have denied special status to Andhra Pradesh?

Whatever was promised in 2013-14, when Telangana's formation took place, if we look at the overall contribution towards the state, we have fulfilled that. In fact, we have fulfilled much more than that. We are committed to and fulfilled everything. For flood relief, there are set guidelines of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). That is taken care of by the Centre. When the agency — a home ministry team — goes to check the impact of the flood, they file a report and funds are given accordingly. Apart from that, the state annual NDRF fund is given along with various other grants. We will do so in the future too. We don't differentiate between the BJP and non-BJP government.

How will the consecration ceremony at Ayodhya impact voting patterns?

The constrction of a Ram mandir in Ayodhya was our commitment. As we talk about cultural renaissance — 'Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi' (development along with heritage) — we developed Kashi Vishwanath, Somnath, Kedarnath, Mahakaal Lok, Kartarpur Sahib and Hemkunt Sahib. The Ram temple construction also took place. We have road, rail and air connectivity. Self-employment opportunities have increased. We don't see this as a vote bank.

FOOT SOLDIERS

Election officials collect postal ballots under the 'home voting' facility in Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, on Saturday | PTI

POLL PROMISE

CPI vows scrapping of CAA, Agnipath

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

ASSERTING that the BJP-led government's rule at the Centre has spelt disaster for the country, the Communist Party of India (CPI) on Saturday promised abolishment of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), ensuring ₹700 as minimum wage under MGNREGA, Urban Employment Guarantee Act and social security for gig-workers in its manifesto.

As one of its election assurances, the party vowed to scrap the contractual and "derogatory" Agnipath Scheme with its "demeaning service conditions" betraying the country's youth. It also stated that the party aims to bring Central investigative agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate and the CBI under the purview of Parliament to ensure impartiality in their probe and to avoid interference by the executive.

"CPI is committed to a free, fair and just society. BJP's misuse of Central agencies such as the ED and CBI is a cause of concern for democratically minded citizens. The CPI aims to bring these agencies under the purview of Parliament," the document stated.

CPI general secretary D Raja said that the situation in the country calls for a change of government at the Centre. "The party appeals to the people of our country to exercise their right to vote for a secular, democratic, pro-people alternative for strengthening the CPI and the Left in the 18th Lok Sabha. People had unitedly defeated the British Raj; now it is time that we unitedly defeat the RSS-BJP Raj," he said.

The manifesto further said that the party would continue its struggle for full statehood to Puducherry and the National Capital Territory of Delhi to end the Union's interference disregarding people's mandate. "CPI will intensify its struggle for the abolition of the Governor's Office to strengthen federalism by removing Union's interference," the party declared.

The other promises made in the document are the removal of executive interference in the appointments of the chief election commissioner and election commissioners, dismantling of NITI Aayog, reinstatement of the Planning Commission to formulate scientific policies for the country, scrapping of 'irrational and communal changes' brought by the BJP in the textbooks and New Education Policy and replacing them with a pro-people education model.

PARTY'S GUARANTEES

- Abolishment of CAA
- Minimum wage of ₹700 under MGNREGA
- Urban Employment Guarantee Act
- Social security for gig-workers
- Scrapping of contractual Agnipath Scheme
- Bringing Central probe agencies like ED and CBI under the purview of Parliament
- Replacing 'irrational and communal changes' brought by the BJP in the text books and NEP with pro-people model of education
- Struggle for full statehood to Puducherry and NCT of Delhi
- Removal of executive interference in the appointments of chief election commission and election commissioners
- Dismantling of NITI Aayog
- Reinstatement of Planning Commission to formulate scientific policies for the country

ELECTION2024

Udhav Sena leader joins Shinde camp

In a fresh setback to the Uddhav Thackeray camp ahead of Lok Sabha elections, former Maharashtra minister and Shiv Sena (UBT) deputy leader Babanrao Gholap joined the Shiv Sena led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Saturday. Gholap, a five-time MLA from Nashik district, joining the Shinde camp may boost the party's prospects in north Maharashtra. Former MLA Sanjay Pawar has also joined the Shinde-led Shiv Sena.

'Will decide J&K candidates soon'

Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina said the party's central election committee will take a call on fielding candidates in the three parliamentary constituencies in Kashmir Valley. He was responding to a question on the speculation that the BJP will not field its candidates in these three seats and will extend support to regional parties. "The BJP has already announced its candidates for Udhampur and Jammu Lok Sabha seats," he said.

GOA

Cong firms up names: Ramakant Khalap from North, Capt Viriato South

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Congress has finally declared its candidates for the two Lok Sabha seats in Goa after much delay.

Ramakant Khalap has been nominated for the North Goa seat, while Captain Viriato Fernandes will be contesting for the South Goa seat. Fernandes, a retired Indian Navy officer, secured the ticket, displacing the incumbent MP Francisco Sardinha. The decisions regarding the Goa candidates were made during the AICC Central Election Committee meeting, attended by president of the Goa Pradesh Congress Committee Amit Patkar and leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao.

In North Goa, Congress candidate Ramakant Khalap will be contest against BJP's Shripad Naik, while in South Goa, Captain Viriato Fernandes will compete against BJP candidate Pallavi Dempo.

Speculations surrounded the candidacies of Amit Patkar, Yuri Alemao, former state Congress president Girish Chodankar, and vice-president Sunil Kauthankar in the days leading up to the announcement. However, the Congress revealed the awaited names in its 12th list after a delay of over 25 days.

The delay caused dissatisfaction among party members, especially in South Goa, which has traditionally been a Congress stronghold. Meanwhile, the BJP had already finalised its candidates. With Ramakant Khalap and Viriato Fernandes now confirmed as Congress candidates for North and South Goa respectively, the stage is set for a closely contested election in the state. As the election momentum builds, all eyes will be on the Congress' endeavour to reclaim its position in Goa's political sphere.

Ramankant Khalap & Captain Viriato Fernandes

Khalap, 76, secured his position as an MP representing North Goa on the ticket of the Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party (MGP) from 1996-1998.

During his tenure, he served as the Union minister of state for law in the cabinet of the late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. Subsequently, he transitioned to the Congress after parting ways with the MGP. As the then law minister, Khalap had actively contributed to the country's legal landscape. He played a pivotal role in the formulation and enactment of the Arbitration Act of India. Additionally, he was instrumental in drafting amendments to both the Code of Civil Procedure and the Code of Criminal Procedure of India.

Maya heir Akash launches broadside on BJP in Nagina

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

COMMENCING the party's poll campaign from Nagina, a reserved constituency in Western Uttar Pradesh, BSP's national coordinator and party chief Mayawati's nephew **Akash Anand** on Saturday launched a broadside on the ruling BJP and other political players over the electoral bond issue.

Addressing his first public rally, Anand said that it was only the BSP that did not take the donation from big corporate houses in the form of electoral bonds during the last six years. "I want to tell you that 25 political parties — from BJP to Samajwadi Party — have received over ₹16,500 crore as donations from big corporate houses as electoral bonds," he said, adding that BSP, on the contrary, was the party run by the hard work and money of its cadre and supporters.

Mayawati's political successor also accused the BJP of making false promises and selling lofty dreams to people, first in Gujarat, and then, in the rest of the country, since 2014. He highlighted BJP's Digital India campaign, bulldozer-actions by UP government, distribution of free ration, paper leaks and 'sub-standard' primary education.

Anand asked the voters to question the ruling BJP over education for children, employment for youth and security for senior citizens. "They will make false promises to you, but ask them their achievements in the last 10 years. Tell them you would decide to vote for them only after they share their report card," he said.

PUNJAB

On Amritsar turf, Taranjit faces agitating farmers' heat

Double trouble

BJP's Hisar candidate Ranjit Singh Chautala had to leave a meeting at Shamsukh village and cancel another after he was confronted by a group of farmers. Chautala then reached Kuleri village, where again farmers forced him to leave.

Chautala snubbed

Former Haryana deputy CM and JJP leader Dushyant Chautala too faced farmers' ire on his visit to Nara, Gamra, Khanpur and Sindhar villages of Hisar. They said he never raised his voice for the farmers.

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

MANY BJP candidates for Lok Sabha elections faced farmers' protests in Punjab and Haryana during their campaign.

Former ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu, contesting from Amritsar on a BJP ticket, on Saturday faced farmers' ire while he was holding a roadshow at Gaggomahal village. Farmers wanted him to answer their questions and showed him black flags as he did not stop his cavalcade, said sources.

Farmers have been seeking a law on minimum support price for crops, among demands. They are sore with the BJP as their key demands have not been fulfilled.

Members of Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ekta-Ugrahan) and other farmers' unions raised slogans against BJP's Faridkot candidate Hans Raj Hans during his roadshow.

They cited the latest crackdown on farmers on Punjab-Haryana borders, on their way to Delhi to stage an agitation.

In neighbouring Haryana, BJP MP and Rohtak candidate Arvind Sharma had to leave Sudharana village of Kosli assembly constituency on Friday evening as the locals refused to even hear him out. BJP's Hisar candidate Ranjit Singh Chautala had to leave a meeting midway at Shamsukh village and cancel another election-related event on Thursday after he was confronted by a group of farmers under the banner of Pagri Sambhal Jatta Kisan Sangharsh Samiti.

Chautala then reached Kuleri village, where again farmers forced him to go back. The Sonepat candidate Mohan Lal Badoli faced similar protests at Nandgarh village in Jind district. Badoli alleged that Congress workers had infiltrated the meeting.

Former Haryana deputy CM and JJP leader Dushyant Chautala too faced farmers' protest during his visit to Nara, Gamra, Khanpur and Sindhar villages of Hisar. The farmers showed black flags and blocked his way when he tried to enter the villages. The protesters alleged that Chautala never raised his voice for the 750 farmers who died during the agitation against the farm laws.

"The remarkable and, for many, certainly disquieting diagnosis is that all genuine political theories presuppose man to be evil

Carl Schmitt

THE CURSE OF WATER CRISIS IN URBAN INDIA

THE THIRD EYE

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YOU could call it a short-lived episode of *schadenfreude*. Last week P Rajeeve, Kerala's minister for industries and law, wooed IT companies in Bengaluru, which is reeling under water shortage, to shift to Kerala. He pointed out that Kerala has "44 rivers, big and small" and that "water is no issue at all". Predictably, the serenade grabbed headlines.

The audacity fizzled out soon enough as reality—the gap between the demand and supply of water in Kerala—came knocking and surfaced in news reports. In fact, within three days of the minister's claim, headlines screaming 'Bangalore days in Kochi' appeared and residents in the state capital Thiruvananthapuram agitated about dry taps.

There is scarcely any city where Indians are not confronted by water shortage and the tyranny of the tanker mafia. Google 'water cut' and check the list of cities that have ongoing water cuts or are announcing them. In Mumbai, residents have normalised declared and undeclared water cuts. Pune, a rising hub for start-ups, is facing a baffling phenomenon—the expansion of construction amid neglect of water availability. Add Chennai, Hyderabad, Delhi, Jaipur and Lucknow. It makes you wonder if the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act needs to be amended to include a guarantee for the provision of water.

Mind you, these cities are powering the India Story. At a political level, nearly 100 of the 543 Lok Sabha constituencies are urban in character, yet the water crisis is not audible in political rhetoric. In my 2012 book, *Accidental India*, I described water as a silent crisis awaiting resolution. Indeed the Niti Aayog in its 2018 report observed "21 major cities are expected to reach zero ground water levels affecting access for over 100 million people". My 2020 book, *The Gated Republic*, documented the extent of the crisis, the interplay of public failures and private solutions and chronicled the migration away from government provision to pay-to-use services. Ironically, even gated communities are now haunted.

Vignettes of the unattended crisis are visible across cities. Early morning traffic in most towns includes water tankers hurtling down residential localities with that peculiar horn blaring away. In Mumbai, one can encounter the unique phenomenon on V S Marg of tanker suppliers offering RO-treated or filtered water. Across urban habitats, packaged water companies have leveraged the opportunity—dial a 1800 number to have drinking water delivered home.

The bitter reality is that India's urbanisation is unplanned and amoebic in nature—infrastructure follows construction rather than the other way around. Every city in India depends on rural reservoirs often located between 50 km and 100 km away. Bengaluru gets its water from dying aquifers and from Cauvery over 100 km away. Chennai draws water from Cholavaram and Veeranam lakes well out of the city. Delhi depends on ground water and Sonia Vihar, which is fed by the waters of Ganga and Yamuna. Mumbai must rely on seven lakes, including upper Vaitarna over 150 km away.

The persistence of the water woes is a combination of poor availability and patchy management. India has around 16 percent of the global population and 4 percent of water resources. Its population is as large as that of China, but per capita availability of internal freshwater resources, as per World Bank data, is half of what China has. India receives an annual precipitation of 3,880 billion cubic metres, but is able to harness only 1,999 bcm. Ground water extraction is around 249 bcm, of which 89 percent is used for agriculture.

It is evident that India's policy makers must address the inadequacies in availability and management. There is no dearth of studies or solutions. The primary focus must be on improving the efficiency of usage for food production. Beyond the 'more crop per drop' theme, the need for redrawing the crop map is critical—to end, for instance, the growing of paddy or cane in water-scarce areas. This will redress the skewed and excessive use of water by farming.

There is also a need to configure usage and design recycling of water. Two global examples merit attention. In 2019, Singapore set a target of recycling 70 percent of its water by 2030. Waste water from sewers is pumped through 48 km of tunnels and treated by a high-tech system and released at the other end as NEWater. The island state is also targeting water savings of around 9 million gallons per day. Sure, Singapore is a small nation, but its efforts to recycle water can be a template for urban India.

A second case study worth looking at is Israel, which is located in a water-scarce geography. The bulk of its crops—well over 70 percent by some estimates—are drip irrigated. Its desalination plants annually produce 700 million cubic metres of water, of which it exports roughly 200 cubic metres to Jordan. Israel is targeting desalination of 1.2 bcm of water per year by 2030. India currently has four desalination plants; with a coastline of over 7,500 km India can surely leverage the solution.

It is true that measures to improve availability and rejig the management require retrofitting and resources. It is equally true that sustaining the aspiration of a $10-trillion GDP demands these structural changes. And it is useful to remember that investment in sustainability will propel job creation, incomes and growth.

TAMING THE SHADOWY WORLD OF NGOs

POWER & POLITICS

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THE conscience industry is one of the pillars of India's crumbling Left liberal edifice. There is nothing like a good cry to get the tears and dollars flowing for poverty propagandists. The elite NGOs who haunted the corridors of power—wooing munificent ministers and beneficial babus with the best vol-au-vent and five-star grub for unsuspecting whites with deep pockets and a cultural guilt about being rich while Acche Din is on the agenda—are quivering under their muslin dohars in Lutyens' Delhi mansions after the Modi government emptied their wallets and froze their bank accounts.

The neo right wingers call them Nasty Greedy Operators (NGOs) who claim to promote the mirage of championing a clean environment, demolishing both economic and gender inequalities, empowering marginalised masses and converting the sick into healthy go-getters. However, close scrutiny and audit done by various agencies in India and overseas reveal that most heavy-hitter NGOs are a cabal of malicious mercenaries who collect moolah to sustain their luxe lifestyles, while the legerdemain of hypocrisy launders their generous reputation.

Last week, the Union home ministry cancelled the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) licences of five NGOs: CNI Synodical Board of Social Services, Voluntary Health Association of India, Indo-Global Social Service Society, Church's Auxiliary for Social Action, and Evangelical Fellowship of India. The charges were indulging in religious conversion and misuse of foreign funds. A couple of them had been raided by agencies last year and their accounts were audited. They have been getting big money from the US, Germany, Sweden and other European countries, foundations and trusts with controversial pasts.

The latest round of suspension and taming of NGOs is part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mission to neutralise all institutions which his party believes undermines the cultural, social, religious and unique identity of India. Purging the NGOs of all illiberal elements and choking their financial pipeline is an unwritten part of BJP's manifesto. The revocation of Article 370, construction of Ram Mandir and Uniform Civil Code have been its primary missions, as well as demolishing hostile and phoney civil society groups. It is not a coincidence that in 2023 alone, over 100 (in) famous think tanks and NGOs were banned from raising foreign funds.

SOURAV ROY

The home ministry has identified more than 1,000 poverty pundits who would perhaps have easy access to a combined corpus of over ₹25,000 crore in CSR funds. A-lister think tanks like the Centre for Policy Research, a habitual habitat of retired senior bureaucrats and defence officers, and the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation have been denied permission to canvas for foreign donations because the government thinks they use money and mind power to undermine the legitimate authority of the state and its institutions by influencing policy.

These deluxe charity collaborators and cultural criminals parade with glamorous titles for their charity-for-self initiatives and call themselves "problem solvers", "innovators" and "creators of pipelines of social leaders". Most of the ex-bureaucrats were associated with the UPA regime; they designed the narrative against the Modi government. The troika comprising the PM, Amit Shah and Nirmala Sitharaman are constantly monitoring their activities and connection with ideologically opposed sections in business, Bollywood and civil society.

The FCRA registration of over 7,000 NGOs have either been withdrawn or allowed to lapse in the past five years after close financial scrutiny by agencies. Modi's visible hatred of NGOs stems from their vicious shellacking when he was Gujarat CM during 2002-2014. All the high-profile NGOs promoted by celebs in the media, Bollywood and civil society targeted the state as the hellish haven of Modi, a merciless monster. They filed cases against him, pressured foreign governments to deny him visas for official visits, and even tried to get him arrested. Later investigations uncovered their dastardly designs of using dollars and euros to promote their political agenda, which is to serve disempowered children and women.

Various Sangh *parivar* affiliates have been complaining about objectionable anti-Hindu and anti-India NGOs operating in parts of India. The Sangh *parivar* was also peeved over the massive infiltration of NGO-sponsored Leftist intellectuals into the establishment pushing an 'anti-Hindu' agenda. While the BJP's detractors have charged the central government of indulging in vindictive actions and injecting a divisive virus in the system, the saffron group claim that foreign-funded NGOs have to be hunted out to extract Bharat from the Westernised slave mindset.

Soon after becoming PM, Modi trained his merciless lens on their workings. He was shocked to learn that India had the maximum number of NGOs: three million, which means every third NGO is run by an Indian. Delhi alone houses over 75,000. Modi was dismayed to discover that less than 10 percent of them submitted annual reports or balance sheets to the government. Their collective treasure chest comprising foreign largesse holds over ₹12,000 crore annually. According to information given to parliament, "during 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22, ₹55,645.08 crore was received by Indian NGOs as foreign contributions".

Modi swung into action, using the restructured Niti Aayog to introduce the NGO-Darpan platform as an interface between the sarkar and civil society. Over 1.8 lakh NGOs are registered on the platform. The PM's idea was to monitor their activities and realign them with his agenda and mission. Previously, NGOs were subverting Indian culture and Modi's dream of Bharat as the Vishwaguru. An unwritten global code of conduct mandated for all NGOs is that they must pass the triple test of transparency, impact and accountability. All genuine NGOs worldwide strictly stick to their code. Nearly all Indian charity charlatans floated by corporate giants or fraudulent altruists ignore these rules. When exposed, they simply float another NGO under a different name.

Indian NGOs are organisationally and financially opaque. Many of them use multi-layer financial channels to hide their real money messiah. They rarely disclose the full details of donors and the terms and conditions on which funds are received. Since these exclusive poverty industry projects are floated and run by well-connected chatterati and glitterati, all accountability is ignored. They hire ideologically compatible employees or individuals nominated by their funders. Most NGOs have been spending more on administration, foreign jaunts, travel and other expensive projects while paying lip service to the causes they officially espouse. Protected by the shroud of secrecy, their impact report isn't made public; only purple prose papers are issued to pacify their Indian and videshi patrons.

Charity begins at home. Modi is ensuring it ends at home too, by incapacitating anti-national kahunas from crippling BJP's brand of nationalist ideology.

SYNCRETISM AND 33 MILLION DEITIES

OPINION

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THE *Rigveda* enumerates 33 devas or 'shining ones', representing primarily the forces of nature. Of these, three were important: Agni or fire, Indra or rain, and Soma, a plant. The popular deities today are two Vedic gods—Vishnu combined with a non-Vedic Narayana, and Rudra combined with a non-Vedic Shiva—and the many forms of Shakti, the supreme goddess. Agni, Indra and Soma, along with 28 others, became 'minor deities'. Later, more minor deities were added to the Hindu pantheon: ashtadikpalas (the eight guardians of directions), navagrahas (nine planets), vasus (eight attendant deities), adityas (12 forms of the sun), rudras (11 forms of Shiva), avatars (10 incarnations of Vishnu), along with river goddesses, lesser-known forms of the main deities, village gods and goddesses and demigods of Buddhism and Jainism.

The original major deities of the Vedas became minor over time, while the minor deities are today among the most important deities all over India. Of the avatars, only Rama and Krishna attained cult status, while Shiva is worshipped in different forms. This is how Indian religions were made inclusive and expanded their pantheons to absorb other religious beliefs. Adi Shankara recognised six cults in his time: Vaishnava, Shaiva, Shakta, Ganapatya, Saura (Sun) and Kaumara (Kartikeya). While the six deities remain, Surya, once the ruling deity of temples in Khajuraho, Modhera, Martand and Gwalior, has been demoted to a mere navagraha.

Recently, the C P Ramaswami Aiyar Institute of Indological Research in Chennai organised a seminar on minor deities in Indian art. Scholars gathered to share the plurality and syncretism of Indian religious and social traditions, as represented in visual language. Religious syncretism is the blending of different belief systems, incorporating other beliefs into an existing tradition. This occurs when such traditions exist in proximity to each other and are catholic enough to accept each other's belief systems. Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism have made many adaptations over millenniums, assimilating elements of several religious traditions both in India and Southeast Asia.

Today's Hinduism is a combination of different forms of beliefs and practices. It is no longer exclusively Vedic—it is the common people's religion. Every village in India has a village deity, usually associated with fertility, rains, disease and so on.

Shitala, a medicinal deity who cooled the body, became a dreaded goddess of disease in North India. Jvara, the deity of fever, who is propitiated as Jvarahareshwara in South India, is feared as demon Jvarasura in Bengal. Mari originally meant rain and the pearl-like raindrops were *muthu-mari*. Unfortunately, their resemblance to smallpox boils made Mariamman of Tamil Nadu into a dreaded goddess of disease. Thus, popular deities could change their character as social problems arose.

Folk deities may be grouped as gods of fertility, protector deities, fetishes (like stones and trees) and hero stones. The famous Ayyanaar is a protector; other goddesses protect children, combat disease and assure fertility. The popular Ayyappa of Kerala was originally a forest deity. Indian deities are often associated with nature and natural resources like sacred groves and water bodies, rain, a good harvest, disease and safety. By invoking the sanctity of rivers and lakes, animals and health, people protected the environment, controlled disease and ensured sustainable lifestyles for themselves and other parts of creation.

Syncretism is the blending of different belief systems, incorporating other beliefs into an existing tradition. Some popular deities have even changed their character as social problems have arisen

What is amazing is the similarity among rural and tribal traditions across the country at a time when there was no easy communication. For example, votive offerings of terracotta horses to the deities of the sacred groves include the horses of Ayyanaar in Tamil Nadu and Bankura in Bengal. Every state shares this tradition, yet in no two states are the horses alike: that is the greatness of the Indian potter.

The minor deities were as important as the Vedic gods. A villager would never call his local goddess minor. She is all-important for him. Sometimes, the deity gets upgraded, such as Kamakshi of Kanchipuram, whose cult expanded when Rajasimha Pallava built a new temple and a new icon. Meenakshi, originally a goddess of fisherfolk, became the reigning deity of the new Pandya capital, Madurai. New mythologies were created, but old attributes were retained. They became aspects of Shakti or Vishnu or Shiva. This is how village deities were integrated into an all-Indian pantheon.

No wonder it is said that there are '33 million deities' in India. Yet every deity is a singular manifestation of the Supreme and the most important deity of the region. They are a reminder of a time when gods were invoked to protect people and the environment, and when religion was catholic enough to absorb other gods within an all-embracing belief system.

QUOTE CORNER

We have arrived at a terrible milestone. For the people of Gaza, the past six months of war have brought death, devastation and now the immediate prospect of a shameful man-made famine... As I and many others have said repeatedly, the end of this war is so long overdue. Instead, we face the unconscionable prospect of further escalation in Gaza.

Martin Griffiths, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, on the platform X

I went to sleep after that. When I woke up, I felt I was doing something wrong. My mind tells me I will go in the right direction in the BJP.

Vijender Singh, Olympic medal-winning boxer, on being asked why he joined the BJP a day after reposting an opposition video making fun of Narendra Modi

I'm not annoyed, my face is ugly.

Víctor Torres, former interior minister of Peru, just after resigning his position

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Non-Brahmins too

There is a notion that the field of Carnatic music is dominated by Tamil Brahmins. This is far from the truth. Many non-Brahmin Hindus and some Muslims and Christians have been popular vidvans supported by rasiks as well as gurus. B Balasubramaniam, a Dalit, was groomed by the secratary of the Thiagaraja Vidwath Samajam of Mylapore 40 years ago. Madurai Somasundaram, his guru Chittoor Subramanyam, and Naina Pillai of Kanchipuram were all popular non-Brahmin vidvans. K J Yesudas is a Malayali Christian. There are many such examples.

Anantharaman Subramanian, Chennai

Students' future

The Supreme Court stayed the Allahabad High Court order that had declared the Uttar Pradesh Board of Madarsa Education Act 2004 "unconstitutional" on the ground that it violated "the principle of secularism" and fundamental rights provided under Article 14 of the Constitution. It issued a notice to the Uttar Pradesh government on a clutch of appeals filed. The high court order would impinge on the future of nearly 17 lakh students who are pursuing education in these institutions.

C K Subramaniam, Navi Mumbai

Yeoman services

It is with an ache in the heart we received the news that the yeoman services rendered by Manmohan Singh will not be available to the country henceforth. The country has experienced a remarkable era of services rendered by this statesman and economist over 33 years. The policies framed by him as the governor of the Reserve Bank and the excellent guidance his successors at the central bank continued to receive from him helped the Indian currency to withstand the onslaught of the Asian crisis.

Tharcius S Fernando, Chennai

Neighbour's envy

Ref: *Cong promises 5-fold justice* (Apr 6). The party deserves kudos for offering a well-articulated people's manifesto. It is appreciable that the Congress think-tank appears to have captured the sentiments of the people as to what they have suffered from and longed for in the last 10 years. The manifesto assures the uplift of women, youth, farmers and workers. It is a freebie-less manifesto and contains robust schemes embracing social justice, employment and poverty alleviation that have been neglected. It's owner's pride and neighbour's envy.

Manoharan Muthuswamy, email

Cancer care

Ref: *Prostate cancer to double globally by 2040* (Apr 6). Prostate cancer is the second most frequent cancer diagnosis in men and the fifth leading cause of death worldwide. The grim forecast published in the latest *Lancet* report is even more frightening. Despite great advances in basic research on the etiology, diagnosis, therapeutic interventions and vaccines for the disease, they are expensive and out of reach of the common man. One can hope that our scientists, research funding agencies, pharmaceutical companies, governments and health organisations would work together to make it cheaper.

Biju C Mathew, Thonnakkal

Unsteady base

INDIA bloc parties exposed their double standards by showing a fake united face at their conclave. When it comes to action, they fight each other. In Wayanad, bloc parties CPI and Congress have both fielded candidates. In West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee will oppose even supposed friends like the Congress and the Left. One could imagine what their attitude would be after the election. As such, the bloc is like constructing a building on lose soil.

V S Ganeshan, Bengaluru

Glitter worries

Gold prices are shooting up. Ten grams of the yellow metal now costs over ₹70,000. Though the price rise is an added financial strength for countries like India, which have sufficient gold reserves, smugglers, thieves and street snatchers make good of such a situation. Vigilance is the need of the hour.

P P Sahadevan, Nileshwar

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Another day, another gem from Congress! Kharge displays the typical Congress mindset which wanted Jammu and Kashmir to remain disconnected from the rest of India.

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Why is the Union govt so afraid of dialogue? The world is watching the government convert into a regime that is anti-democratic.

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
MF distances itself from bombastic 8% growth claims by India's representative! IMF's last forecast for India was 6.5%.

Rape conviction of former DGP's son reaffirmed by SC

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IN a significant development, the Supreme Court has upheld the conviction of **Bitti Hottra Mohanty**, son of Odisha's former DGP Bidya Bhushan Mohanty, in a 2006 rape case and directed him to surrender before the jail authorities within two months.

The Rajasthan High Court's order had convicted Bitti Mohanty for raping a German tourist in Alwar in Rajasthan the same year before sentencing him to seven years imprisonment.

A two-judge bench of Justices JK Maheshwari and Sanjay Karol found no merit in the Special Leave Petition (SLP) filed by Bitti, who had moved the SC challenging his seven-year jail sentence.

The apex court has directed Bitti to surrender before the jail authorities within two months, anytime before June 5. While his SLP was pending before the SC, Bitti was granted bail on March 31, 2017.

According to the prosecution, Bitti was involved in the rape of a German national (tourist) in Alwar, Rajasthan. He was convicted by the Fast Track Trial Court Alwar within 15 days of his arrest, on April 12, 2006, and also by the Rajasthan HC upholding his conviction in the same year on October 4. After he was jailed, Bitti was allowed a 15-day parole in November 2006 to meet his ailing mother. But he jumped the parole and absconded. Later he was arrested from Kerala in March 2013 and lodged at Jaipur central jail.

The Rajasthan Government, represented by Shiv Mangal Sharma, the Additional Advocate General (AAG), had in his argument said that Bitti's conviction should be upheld by the SC, keeping in view his brutal role in raping a German national. "It is a serious crime against a foreigner. Rajasthan Government is very committed to combating crimes against women and protecting the rights and safety of foreign nationals in India," Sharma argued.

"This landmark ruling by the top court not only brings justice to the victim but also sends a strong global message about India's stance on women's safety and its zero-tolerance policy towards violence against women," he told this newspaper.

NIA arrests 2 blast accused amid attack on its officers

Mamata questions agency's action, BJP says mob was instigated

MUKESH RANJAN @New Delhi

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday said it has arrested two key conspirators as part of its probe into the 2022 blast case amid an attack on its team by a crowd in East Medinipur district of West Bengal.

In a statement the federal anti-terror agency said its officer was injured and a vehicle belonging to the probe team was damaged in the attack.

"In a major breakthrough in West Bengal's Bhupatinagar blast case, in which three persons were killed in December 2022, the NIA arrested two key conspirators amid stiff resistance from an unruly crowd in the state's East Medinipur district," a senior official in the headquarters said.

The duo — Balai Charan Maity and Manobrata Jana — were arrested after extensive searches at five locations, including the house of Jana, where locals tried to obstruct the NIA raiding team, the official said, adding that a member of the agency's raiding team suffered minor injury and the official vehicle was also damaged.

Sources in the NIA said when the duo was summoned for questioning they did not appear before the agency. Following this, the probe agency sleuths picked them up to take them in for questioning on Saturday.

En route, agitated villagers surrounded the NIA vehicle demanding that the two be let out of the car. As the violence escalated, the windows of the NIA vehicle were smashed, leading to two officials sustaining minor injuries, the sources said.

Reacting to the alleged attack on NIA officials in Bhupatinagar, CM Mamata Banerjee is reported to have said, "Why did they raid at midnight? Did they have police permission? Locals reacted in the way they would have if any other stranger had visited the place at midnight. Why are they arresting people right before the elections? Why does the BJP think that they will arrest every booth agent? What right does NIA have? They are doing all these to support the BJP. We call upon the entire world to fight against this BJP's dirty politics."

While the TMC said that the incident could have been avoided if the local administration had been alerted, the BJP on its part questioned the law and order situation in the state.

"It is due to Mamata Banerjee's repeated instigation that even after the ED Officials were attacked at Sandeshkhali, the TMC Leaders could still dare to attack the @NIA_India Officers. She recently spoke ill about the NIA at the political event at Mathabhanga, in the Cooch Behar district," Suvendu Adhikari, leader of Opposition in West Bengal assembly, said in a post on X.

The 2022 Bhupatinagar blast took place in Nairabila village, killing TMC booth president Rajkumar Manna, his brother Devkumar Manna and Biswajit Gayen.

VIJENDER SINGH

A CEREBRAL BOXER OUT TO BETTER HIS POLITICAL CV

INDRANEEL DAS

Mandar Pardikar

HIS punchlines are as attractive as his jabs and hooks inside the ring that fetched him Olympic and Worlds medals. His penchant for glamour and fame took him beyond the rings and into the heady world of Bollywood. He acted and danced. He dabbled with professional boxing when it was not considered an attractive vocation in the country. Then he decided to venture into politics. In 2019 he joined Congress. And now five years later, he switched to the BJP.

Vijender Singh loves challenges. And he likes to take risks. "What is life if we don't take risks?" he told this newspaper. That keeps him going. Invariably, one would want to know if he is well accustomed with the political discourse. Boxing or politics? "Boxing is my sport," he said. "It's my passion, my life. I can teach and I can guide you. But in politics, I am still learning."

Perhaps, it's because of the sport. Like all boxers, he abhors tight corners and finds a way to wriggle out of it. Even on the day he joined BJP, just days after re-tweeting Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, he managed to get off that tight corner when he was asked what changed overnight. "When I woke up, I found myself on the wrong platform...," he said in his inimical way on Wednesday.

Even joining Congress was a sudden decision. During a conversation in 2019 (June), he said Congress had given him a ticket a week or so after his return from Manchester. So, he took the plunge. "I had nothing to lose and no regrets," he had told then.

NEWSMAKER

Fame, riches and stardom

From where Vijender came from (remote village in Bhiwani, Haryana), these words too would seem ensconced in the realm of fantasy rather than reality. But not for Vijender. He always loved glamour and wanted to act in movies and he followed his passion. A year after the 2008 Beijing Olympic bronze, he started visiting Mumbai, a place he had always dreamt of. He was jet-setting across the country and got sucked into a phantasmagorical universe where there is a very thin line dividing fantasy and reality. "I was loving it," he had told this daily earlier. "First few months it was surreal." However, he enjoyed it. "One must enjoy everything and I enjoyed every bit of it. Those few months were crazy. I had never been to Mumbai and then there I was with the set of people, who I used to see in movies and in my dreams. It was crazy."

He also revealed how he used to get fidgety when his phone stopped ringing. The attention and fame was like an addiction. Then he managed to steer away from it and keep it at a healthy distance. This reveals an interesting side of him. Whatever he loves to do, he does it and enjoys it and he knows when to say enough is enough. Even now, acting gigs are on but not an addiction.

Finding a foothold

Changing party days before the general election came as a surprise to many but for Vijender, it was a calculated move. The decision had to be taken keeping in mind the future. "I had done this to strengthen my political career," he said. "I had to make this time-sensitive decision to make a move to BJP. The objective is to take a route to build upon what I have already built while travelling in my political journey."

One will have to wait and see how he builds his political CV but when it comes to boxing, there is no question of his dominance. During his amateur days, he was known for his cerebral boxing. He measured his opponents before unleashing lethal punches. Vijender used to outplay his opponents with smart moves rather than flamboyance; accumulate points and defend. He had an apt answer for this too. "I love my face and I would not let anyone disfigure it," he told this reporter early in his career. Even now he loves his face and one thing that has remained constant – fitness. Even on Saturday while speaking, he was on the treadmill. "I take fitness seriously and never miss gym sessions as much as I can," he said. Ever since he started boxing, Vijender always preferred the gym and loved to pump iron. He could miss boxing rituals but not the gym.

For a boxer dodging punches inside the ring is easy. In politics where attacks fly thick and fast from all directions, his agility to fend and duck would be tested to the max. Hopefully, the ace boxer will manage to stand on his feet for a long time, even after the warning bell. And of course, save his face too.

Pak concerned over 'extra-judicial killings by India', attacks Rajnath

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

A day after Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** made remarks on not sparing any terrorist, even if they had crossed the border into other countries, Pakistan's Foreign Office has denounced these comments,

"Pakistan denounces the provocative remarks made by India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during a recent televised interview. On January 25, 2024, Pakistan expressed concerns about extra-judicial killings by India," according to a statement released by Pakistan's Foreign Office on Saturday.

Pakistan also reiterated its firm commitment to safeguarding its sovereignty against any aggression.

Meanwhile, Rajnath Singh made the statement following a query based on a story that appeared in The Guardian newspaper, which alleged that the Indian government had executed 20 people in Pakistan since 2020 as part of a broader plan to target terrorists residing on foreign soil.

During a televised interview on Friday, Singh said, "If any terrorist attempts to disturb the country's peace, we will give a befitting reply. If the terrorists flee to Pakistan, 'toh Pakistan mein unhe maarenge' (then we will go there and kill them)." Singh also reaffirmed that India had never attacked any country or tried to capture its territory. However, if anyone threatens India or its peace, they would not be spared.

India has not yet issued an official response to Pakistan's Foreign Office statement made on Saturday.

It is worth recalling that on January 25th of this year, Pakistan had accused India of killing two designated terrorists on its soil. India had categorically rejected these claims.

"The world knows that Pakistan has long been the epicentre of terrorism, organised crime, and illegal transnational activities. India and many other countries have publicly warned Pakistan, cautioning that it would be consumed by its own culture of terror and violence," said Randhir Jaiswal, spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), on January 25.

The two individuals Pakistan referred to were Shahid Latif, a designated terrorist who masterminded the 2016 attack on the Indian Air Force base in Pathankot, and Muhammad Riaz of Lashkar-e-Taiba, who was responsible for a terrorist attack in Rajouri in 2023, resulting in seven deaths and 13 injuries.

Pakistan the epicentre of terrorism, says MEA

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RSS chief on 3-day visit to Gujarat amid rift in BJP over poll candidates

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@Ahmedabad

AMID dissidence in the BJP over candidature for many Lok Sabha seats in Gujarat, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat visited Vadodara on Saturday as part of his three-day tour to the state. According to RSS office-bearers, Bhagwat held interactive sessions with intellectuals in Vadodara and Bharuch on Saturday.

His visit to Vadodara holds significance as the discord within the BJP first surfaced in the city over poll ticket. Ranjan Bhatt's candidature for Vadodara seat triggered protests, with Jyoti Pandya, vice president of BJP's Rashtriya Mahila Morcha, resigning in protest. After Pandya's resignation, Bhatt withdrew her candidacy, prompting the BJP to announce Hemang Joshi as the new candidate.

Even Joshi's nomination sparked discontent. A recent video showed BJP MLA Yogesh Patel declining to wear the BJP scarf presented by Joshi, indicating an ongoing tension.

Protests continue over union minister Purushottam Rupala's candidature in Rajkot. Rupala's alleged derogatory remarks on Kshatriya community intensified protests against him and clamour grew for his replacement. Despite Rupala's apology, women from the Kshatriya community have threatened self-immolation if he remains the BJP candidate.

The BJP is also facing dissidence over nominations for Bharuch, Valsad and Sabarkantha Lok Sabha seats.

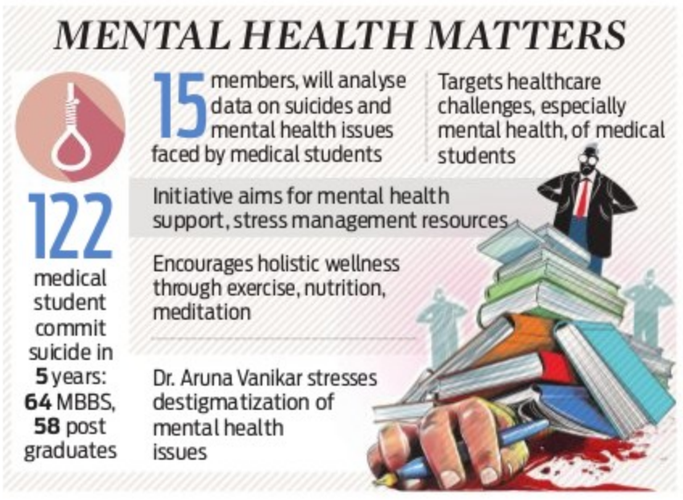
"Bhagwat's visit comes at a crucial juncture, particularly amid rising tensions within the Gujarat BJP, fuelled by factionalism in many constituencies," said an RSS leader.

"The visit is anticipated to provide Bhagwat with an opportunity to engage with key stakeholders and address the growing discontent within the BJP's ranks," he said.

On Sunday, Bhagwat plans to visit Dutt Mandir at Garudeshwar and the hold another session with intellectuals in Vadodara. Later in the day, he will head to Ahmedabad for an overnight stay, and leave the state on Monday.

'My health, my rights' to help medical fraternity

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @New Delhi


MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS
15 members, will analyse data on suicides and mental health issues faced by medical students
Targets healthcare challenges, especially mental health, of medical students
Initiative aims for mental health support, stress management resources
Encourages holistic wellness through exercise, nutrition, meditation
Dr. Aruna Vanikar stresses destigmatization of mental health issues
122 medical student commit suicide in 5 years: 64 MBBS, 58 post graduates

WITH the aim of addressing healthcare challenges, including mental health issues, faced by medical students and professionals, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has launched an initiative on the occasion of World Health Day. Officials say both medical professionals and medical students have gruelling work hours, which often take a toll on their physical, mental, and emotional health. According to the NMC, in the past five years, 122 medical students, including 64 MBBS and 58 postgraduates, have committed suicide.

The NMC, which regulates medical education and professionals in India, launched the initiative called "My Health, My Rights" on April 7, World Health Day. In February, the NMC announced the formation of a task force to tackle mental health-related issues among medical students. The latest initiative was jointly taken by the NMC and the National Task Force on mental health and well-being of students.

"This pioneering effort, coordinated by the Anti-Ragging Committee of the National Medical Commission, aims to address healthcare challenges faced by medical students and professionals alike," the NMC said. The key components of the initiative include mental health support services, confidential counselling, therapy, and resources to address stress, anxiety, depression, and other mental health challenges.

Under the theme, individuals are encouraged to take ownership of their health through activities such as exercise, nutrition, meditation, social engagement, and environmental stewardship.

The NMC said they are dedicated to establishing a comprehensive support system to ensure access to quality healthcare and prioritize the well-being of medical students and professionals. The initiative will also introduce holistic wellness programs focusing on physical health, emotional resilience, and work-life balance, including yoga, mindfulness meditation, stress management workshops, and nutritional guidance.

Dr. Aruna Vanikar, president of the Under-Graduate Medical Education Board (UGMEB), said there is a need to destigmatize mental health issues within the medical community. This will help foster a culture of openness and support, she added.

She said there is a need to underscore the importance of prioritizing the well-being of healthcare providers and implement mentorship programs to build resilience in medical students.

Coast Guard rescues sick Sri Lankan, 27 Bangladeshis from snag-hit boats

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

THE Indian Coast Guard evacuated a Sri Lankan fisherman suffering from a medical emergency onboard a Sri Lankan fishing boat drifting in Indian waters due to engine failure. This was the second incident of foreign fishermen getting evacuated by the ICG from a boat adrift with **27 Bangladeshi nationals onboard**.

Coast Guard sources said the alert about the Sri Lankan fishing boat 'Kalpeni' was received on April 1 at the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) of ICG at Chennai from MRCC Colombo. "The boat sailed from the 'Codbay' harbour in Sri Lanka on March 22 with six crew and. It ceased all communication from March 28," said ICG.

On receiving information, the ICG diverted ships on patrol to the likely area. The Sri Lankan boat was sighted on April 2 about 40 nautical miles from Puducherry. A Coast Guard technical team boarded the boat and attempted to repair the engine, but due to paucity of spares, it was not possible. ICG ascertained the status of essential supplies and informed the Sri Lankan authorities about its position.

The ICG also rescued 27 Bangladeshi fishermen on April 4. They were stranded on their fishing boat.

The ICG ship Amogh during patrol at the Bangladesh maritime border line sighted a fishing boat Sagar II, adrift inside the Indian waters. The Indian Coast Guard technical team tried to identify and rectify the defect, but it was observed that the rudder of the boat was completely damaged.

As the weather conditions were conducive, it was decided that the distressed boat will be towed to the border and handed over to the Bangladeshi authorities.

Meanwhile, on April 5, a crew member, PM Sumit Lalitha, adrift the Sri Lankan boat developed shortness of breath. By this time, the boat had drifted to 100 nautical miles from Chennai. ICG ship Rani Abakka was diverted and the patient was evacuated within a few hours.

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	37	24	Mumbai	35	26
Bhopal	34	22	Panaji	32	26
Jaipur	36	23	Patna	38	25
Amritsar	34	17	Lucknow	37	19
Chennai	36	27	Port Blair	32	26
Kolkata	35	26	Imphal	31	19
Srinagar	23	08	Chandigarh	35	18

Caste matrix threatens saffron citadel of Gujarat

Kshatriya-vs-Patidar rift intensifies over Purushottam Rupala's remarks

DILIP SINGH KSHATIRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

IN a complex caste maze of Gujarat in the run-up to the Lok Sabha polls, the BJP appears to be running the risk of falling between two stools – the Kshatriyas and the powerful Patidars. The former wants the party to replace its candidate and Union Minister Purushottam Rupala from the Rajkot seat for his gratuitous remark on the community (he later apologized with little impact). The Patidar community to which Rupala belongs has let it be known that it stands solidly behind him.

For the past week, the Kshatriya community, also known as Rajput, has been staging protests following Rupala's remarks made during an event. Things have come to such a pass that on Saturday a section of the Kshatriya community's women threatened 'johar' (self-immolation) if Rupala insisted on his candidature for the constituency. Simultaneously, the state police have detained Mahipal Makrana, the national president of Karni Sena. Meanwhile, former Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani expressed confidence that the issue will be resolved soon. In a media interaction, Rupani said: "Rupala sahab has already apologized). The Kshatriya community has forgiven many in the past. I am sure the issue will be resolved."

The Patidar community members have taken to social media to voice their support for Rupala. Jyoti Tilwa, a BJP leader and a prominent figure within the community, penned a message urging unity. In her message, Tilwa wrote: "Even after apologizing, it is not appropriate for anyone to have such concerns. Let us wake up, and support Rupala sahib," the message read.

Other members of the Patidar community, too, took to social media to back Rupala.

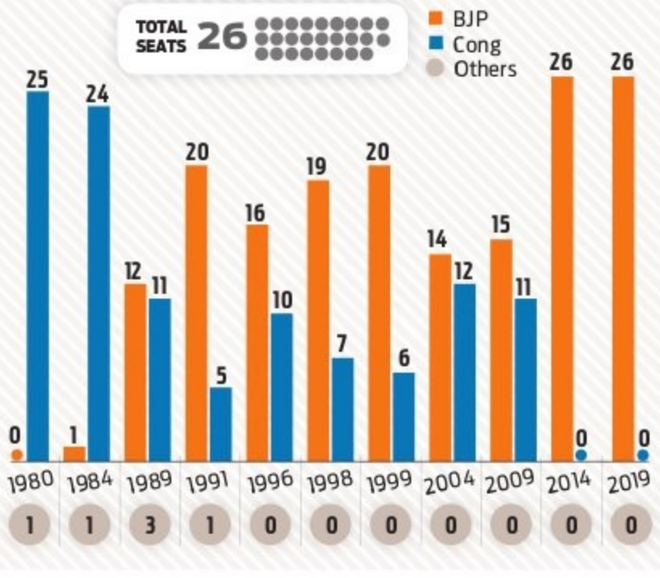
Lalit Vasoya, the Congress Lok Sabha candidate from Porbandar and a prominent leader within the Patidar community, has accused the ruling BJP of attempting to create discord between the two communities.

The Patidar voters wield considerable sway with an estimated dominance over 40 Assembly seats out of 182 and more than seven Lok Sabha seats of the total 26. In 2017, the Patidar agitation spearheaded by Hardik Patel intensified demands for reservation, resulting in significant repercussions for the BJP. The party experienced a notable setback, securing only 99 seats in the Assembly out of 182.

Recognizing the importance of Patidar support, the BJP strategically fields candidates from the community in key constituencies. For instance, Rupala is nominated for the Rajkot Lok Sabha seat, while Mansukh Mandaviya contests from the Porbandar seat, both representing the Patidar community.

These constituencies fall within the Saurashtra zone of Gujarat, comprising areas with a significant Patidar voter base, including Morbi, Tankara, Gondal, Dhoraji, Amreli, Savarkundla, Jetpur, Rajkot East, Rajkot West, and Rajkot South assembly seats.

On May 7, Gujarat will go to polls



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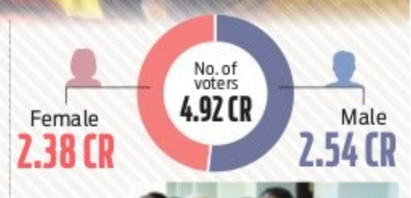

CONSTITUENCY	BJP CANDIDATE	CONGRESS CANDIDATE
Gandhinagar	Amit Shah	Sonal Patel
Porbandar	Mansukh Mandavia	Lalit Vaosya
Rajkot	Purushottam Rupala	N/A
Navsari	C R Patil	N/A
Anand	Mitesh Patel	Amit Chavda

ISSUES AFFECTING PARTIES

Intra-party squabbles in BJP

- Dissent in 1 constituency spreads to about half-a-dozen others
- Letter on social media about state BJP chief CR Patil asking for changing party candidate for Junagadh
- Ranjan Bhatt, the party candidate in Vadodara, replaced. Demand to replace the new candidate
- Another party candidate contesting from Rajkot allegedly passed derogatory remarks against Rajputs, causing storm
- In Sabarkantha a pamphlet goes viral leveling allegations against BJP candidate
- Party says these moves orchestrated by the opposition. But the damage is already done

Troubles within Congress, AAP

- Congress has been absent from power in Gujarat for over three decades
- Internal strife allows BJP to dominate most of Gujarat's district councils and municipal bodies
- Lack of cohesion and effectiveness further weaken the party
- Party lacks a charismatic leader to effectively challenge BJP
- Party's alliance with AAP has not gone down well with grassroots workers
- AAP also does not have a strong organization in the state

'Cong brings communities together'

IN a climate where the BJP is being given a cakewalk in the Northeast, Congress leader **Gaurav Gogoi** spoke to **Prasanta Mazumdar** on a range of issues — from alleged coercion by the BJP to the Congress ideas and philosophy. **Excerpts:**

What has changed for you between 2019 and now?
In 2019, I went to the polls in the presence of my father (three-time former Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi). He was an experienced campaigner and a seasoned leader who guided me on the issues affecting the people of Assam. Now, my focus is on the Jorhat seat. It is a new seat for me. I contested from a different seat (Kaliabor) the last two times. I have to mobilise the party organisation to fight the election this time.

How polarised is Assam and how Congress, painted as pro-Muslim, can overcome its impact?
That is the narrative the BJP wants to push. It is our responsibility to push our ideas and philosophy to the people. Bharat Jodo Yatra has been successful in establishing that the Congress brings communities together, that it works for social justice for all sections.

Is the BJP government's punitive financial action affecting the Congress' election campaign?
They are using measures including coercion not only against political parties but all sections of society. We have seen that in the SBI electoral bond case. They are harassing and threatening even the corporate sector. It's not just political parties, the BJP leadership is trying to turn Indian democracy into a Chinese-style government or Russian-style oligarchy. What we are trying to do is take the idea of India and Indian democracy as enshrined in the Constitution and espoused by leaders such as Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Dr BR Ambedkar, Maulana Azad, Babu Jagjivan Ram.

BJP has set a 400-seat target. Has Cong/INDIA bloc set any target?
The '400' slogan is similar to ₹15 lakh in every bank account to two crore jobs to reducing inflation. It is another 'jumla' that the BJP leadership is now being acquainted with by the people of India. We are going to people with the idea of social justice. We are promising that we will bring back India where the right to express opinion is practised freely and institutions such as the Election Commission autonomously.

How cohesive is the INDIA alliance given that its constituents are contesting same seats in some states?
The political reality of each state is important and I think people are mature and wise to understand different realities which exist in the states — how the AAP and the Congress need to work in Delhi but contest separately in Punjab. Even with the Left, we are contesting separately in Kerala and other states. People can also see how the BJP jumped its allies. BJP's policy of using and throwing its allies is visible to everyone. Its policy of weakening allies is also evident as we can see in the case of Akali Dal in Punjab, AIADMK in Tamil Nadu.

The Congress is fighting polls as part of INDIA alliance but BJP's focus is on Congress-mukt India.
The BJP is acting like washing powder by acquiring all leaders (from opposition parties) that the party itself tainted with corruption. Therefore, it has become a haven for tainted people. The income tax and the ED are acting as the equipment agencies for the BJP.

CHHATTISGARH

Leader of Oppn booked for 'objectionable' PM remark

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

A case has been registered against Congress leader of opposition Charan Das Mahant for his alleged "objectionable" remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in an election rally.

An FIR has been registered at Kotwali police station in Rajnandgaon where Mahant, during an election rally held in support of the former CM Bhupesh Baghel, said that the people need to choose a person who has the guts to carry a lathi and strike, boldly take a stand against Modi while raising issues as a protector.

According to the Kotwali police station in Amen Sahu, an FIR has been lodged against Mahant under the IPC section 506 (criminal intimidation).

Baghel filed his nomination papers from the Rajnandgaon Lok Sabha seat for the second phase of polling scheduled on April 26. Citing it as a 'hate speech', the state BJP complained to the chief electoral officer (CEO), alleging that by giving such undignified statements, the Congress leader targeted the elected PM, provoking the Congress workers and the people towards violence and attempting to influence the polls. "This is a violation of the model code of conduct", the complaint letter stated.

The Election Commission (EC), taking cognisance of the complaint and the remark, recommended action by the rules. Mahant, though tendered his apology for his statement, argued that the media and the BJP have distorted his remarks. "What I said was in the context of the Chhattisgarhi proverb; my words were misinterpreted. I didn't intend to accuse anyone and am fully aware of the dignity of the PM's position", the Congress leader said as he also asked his party cadres to remain cautious as there are "attempts to poach upon the party leaders and workers owing to fear among the rival party about the defeat in the upcoming elections".

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Maha ex-minister to desert Sharad

In a big blow to NCP (Sharadchandra Pawar), its senior leader Eknath Khadse will be rejoining BJP. Former revenue minister Khadse, confirming the report with this daily termed it as Ghar Wapsi. He added that the date of rejoining BJP has not yet been decided. Sources said that after securing BJP's Lok sabha ticket to his daughter in law Raksha Khadse with the help of BJP's general secretary Vinod Tawade, Khadse decided to rejoin the BJP.

No Oppn woman nominee in Sikkim

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang on Saturday criticised the opposition SDF for not fielding even one female candidate in the state's 32 assembly seats and the lone Lok Sabha constituency in which elections will take place together. Addressing an election rally, he claimed the SDF did not consider the "mothers and daughters of the state" worthy of representation in the assembly. Tamang said his party, SKM, has nominated four women for the state assembly polls and also accommodated other sections in the candidates' list.

SST seizes ₹1.38 cr cash, silver in MP

A static surveillance team (SST) deployed by the Election Commission seized Rs 1.38 crore cash and 22.3 kg of silver from a private bus in Madhya Pradesh's Jhabua district in the wee hours of Saturday, police said. The unaccounted cash and silver were found on the bus at a checkpost at Pitol on the Madhya Pradesh-Gujarat border around 2 am, the police said in a release. The SST has been constituted in light of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Further investigation is on.

DIBRUGARH

2 former AASU leaders fight it out as 'Jatiya Nayak' returns to his roots

Homecoming for Union shipping minister

It is a homecoming for Sonowal. Not only does he hail from Dibrugarh, he also won his maiden Assembly election from Moran in the district in 2001 and the parliamentary election from the Dibrugarh seat in 2004. However, he lost the 2009 Lok Sabha elections from the same seat, giving him a sweet-bitter experience here. In 2014, he won from the adjoining Lakhimpur Lok Sabha seat and donned the CM's mantle after winning the 2016 Assembly elections from the Majuli seat.

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Dibrugarh

IT will be a battle between two former titans of the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) – Sarbananda Sonowal and his much junior, Lurinjyoti Gogoi – when the Dibrugarh seat goes to elections on April 19.

Sonowal (61), the BJP candidate and Union minister, earned the sobriquet "Jatiya Nayak" (National Hero) after the Supreme Court struck down the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act in 2005, based on a petition that he filed. He was then serving as an MP of the Asom Gana Parishad, the launchpad of his political career. The Act was viewed by many as heavily tilted in favor of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh.

Gogoi (44), the Assam Jatiya Parishad (AJP) biggie, is fighting another battle – the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA). In fact, his AJP was born out of this movement in 2020.

The third and last candidate in Dibrugarh is the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Manoj Dhanowar. The constituency clearly braces for a straight contest between Sonowal and Gogoi.

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As for Gogoi, he is an emerging leader. He contested the 2021 Assembly elections from Duliajan and Naharkatia seats in the backdrop of the anti-CAA protests but lost in both.

The Dibrugarh seat, comprising 10 Assembly segments spread across the two upper Assam districts of Dibrugarh and Tinsukia, was a Congress stronghold until the BJP's emergence as a formidable force in 2014.

MADHYA PRADESH

When party lines wedge a divide among old political families in MP

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

LOK Sabha polls seem to have divided old political families on party lines in Madhya Pradesh. Kankar Munjare, former MP and now BSP candidate from Balaghat seat, has left his home to stay away from his wife Anubha Munjare, a Congress MLA. Kankar, who won from Balaghat in 1989, has shifted to a hut till the polling day. Balaghat is among the six seats in the state, which will vote on April 19.

"I cannot live under the same roof till the polling day with my wife who has a different political ideology. Two people with different ideologies living under the same roof would be seen as a kind of match-fixing," said Kankar. "I will return home after the polling day."

Anubha, who defeated seven-time BJP MLA and former minister Gourishankar Bisen in 2023 assembly polls, sounds hurt by her husband's gesture. She said they lived together during the assembly polls, when Kankar unsuccessfully contested as a GGP candidate. "Why now this sudden change of heart, three decades after the marriage, in the name of political ideology?" she asked. "I will campaign for my party candidate Samrat Saraswat," Anubha said. In Chhindwara constituency, the Saxena family headed by ex-minister Deepak Saxena has been loyal to former CM and nine-time former MP Kamal Nath for over four decades. But things have changed now. Deepak and his younger son Ajay Saxena have joined the BJP and are set to work for party candidate Vivek Sahu 'Bunty'.

Saxena's elder son Jai is campaigning with MP and Congress candidate Nakul Nath. In Guna, Rao Yadvendra Singh Yadav is the Congress candidate against union minister and four-time former MP Jyotiraditya Scindia.

The family of former BJP MLA Late Rao Deshraj Singh Yadav seems divided on party lines. Yadvendra's younger brother Rao Ajay Pratap Singh Yadav is siding with Scindia. While Balaghat and Chhindwara go to polls April 19, Guna will vote in the third phase on May 7.

BSP candidate Kankar Munjare stays in a hut around 7 km from his house

ideological differences with wife

BSP candidate from Balaghat seat Kankar Munjare has left his home in Balaghat town till April 19 (first phase of polling) citing ideological differences with Congress MLA wife Anubha Munjare and is now staying in a hut around 7 km from his house.

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA

C. Mis. No. 290/2023

PETITIONERS: 1. Sri. Manjunath, S/o Late Nagaraju, aged about 28 years, **2. Smt. Sumithra,** D/o Late Nagaraju, aged about 25 years, Both are R/at Yalachagere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk -V/s-

RESPONDENT: The Tahsildhar, Chief Registrar of Birth & death, Nelamangala Taluk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Manjunath** S/o Late Nagaraju, aged about 28 years, residing at Yalachagere village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk. I am and another petitioner were filed petition seeking order from the court to issue the death certificate by registering date of death of the my father by name Late K. Nagaraju S/o Late Kaadappa died on 04-03-2006 at Yalachagere village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District Hence any person or any public related or interested in this matter are invited for any objections and may appear in person or through pleader on **14-05-2024** at **11.00 A.M.** before the principal Civil Judge and JMFC Court at Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District, and in default of your appearance on the day specified the petition will be heard by placing you experty.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on this 05-04-2024

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge, Junior Division and JMFC, Nelamangala.

Advocate For Petitioners: **Kiran Kumar .H**
B.H. Road, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala - 562123.

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA

C. Mis. No. 264/2023

PETITIONERS: 1.Sri. Ramaiah, S/o Late Dasegowda, aged about 75 years. **2. Sri. Gangaiah,** S/o Late Dasegowda, aged about 57 years, Both are R/at Yalachagere Villaga, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk -V/s-

RESPONDENT: The Tahsildhar, Chief Registrar of Birth & death, Nelamangala Taluk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Ramaiah** S/o Late Dasegowda, aged about 75 years, residing at Yalachagere village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk. I am and another petitioner were filed petition seeking order from the court to issue the death certificate by registering date of death of the my grandfather by name Late Mayanna S/o Late Rangappa died on 10-08-1955 at Yalachagere village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District Hence any person or any public related or interested in this matter are invited for any objections and may appear in person or through pleader on **14-05-2024** at **11.00 A.M.** before the principal Civil Judge and JMFC Court at Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District, and in default of your appearance on the day specified, the petition will be heard by placing you experty.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 05-04-2024

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge, Junior Division and JMFC, Nelamangala.

Advocate For Petitioners: **Kiran Kumar .H**
B.H. Road, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala - 562123.

KMF Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited

KMF Complex, D.R. M.H. Marigowda Road, Bengaluru – 560029
Ph: 25536223/26096813 Fax: 080-25536105 E-mail: ahykmf@yahoo.com

CORRIGENDUM The paper Tender Notification No. IFT NO.: KMF/AH/TGM-16/ KPPP: T&C Tender/2024 dated: 14.03.2024 is being notified on Date:07.04.2024 with the permission of Election Commission (437/KT-HP/2024, dt: 05.04.2024) T&C as per previous notification, details as follows: Date of commencement of Tender From 06.04.2024. Last date for submission on or before 06.05.2024 up to 5.00 PM. Date of opening of Technical Tender on 08.05.2024 at 11.00 A.M. Date of Commercial bid opening: intimated later.

For Karnataka Co-Opp. Milk Federation Ltd.,
Sd/- DIRECTOR (AH)

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

भारत सरकार का उपक्रम — A Government of India Undertaking

सिंडिकेट Syndicate

BENGALURU

E-AUCTION NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION)
UNDER RULES 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E auction arranged by the service provider **M/s. Antares Systems Ltd.** through the website **https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com**

Sl. No.	1)Name of the Borrower / Guarantor(s) 2)Name of the Branch and Secured Creditor	1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Reserve Price 3) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount	1) Last date of deposit of EMD 2) Last date of KYC documents 3) EMD A/c no. 4) IFSC code 5) Bid Factor	1. Date of Auction 2. Time of Auction 3. Date & Time of Inspection
1	1) Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) : 1)Sri Krishna Kumar Harihara Iyer S/o Late Harihara Iyer 2) Smt Radhika V W/o Sri Krishna Kumar Harihara Iyer Both are at -Flat No 408, 3rd Floor,Gajanand Mandir Apartment, 3rd Cross, Venkataswamappa Layout, (Earlier Thindlu Village area) Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560097. 2) Canara Bank - Basaveshwara (Millers) Road Branch Ph No 080-22259826 Ph. No. 9449862298	1) Rs. 26,22,101.99 plus further interest & charges 2) Mentioned each property below.	1) 06.05.2024 upto 5.00 pm 2) 07.05.2024 upto 5.00 pm 3) 209272434 4) CNRB0010448 5) Rs.50,000/-	1. 08.05.2024 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 Noon 3. 04.05.2024 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
	Description of the immovable/ movable assets: SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY (Entire Property): All that piece and parcel immovable residential property bearing new BBMP khata No 747/57/58/1,2,3 Site nos. 1,2 & 3, previously Bytarayanapura City Muncipal Council Khata Nos.746/57/58/1 and 747/57/58/59/2 and 3, situated at Thindlu village Yelhanka Hobli ,Bangalore North Taluk , now in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike limits, Bangalore measuring East to West (130+120) /2 feet and North to South 88 feet in all measuring 11,000 sq.ft. Bounded as **East by :** Private Property, **West by:** Narasipura Gadi, **North by:** Private Property and, **South by:** Road. **SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY (Property herein conveyed):** All that piece and parcel of 3 bed room residential apartment/flat bearing khata no 747/57,58/1,2,3/31 TF-408, Privately numbered as No TF-408 Third Floor , in the multi storied building known as "Gajanand Mandir Apartment" with super built up area of 1300 sq ft (including car parking) and 300 sq ft of undivided interest of right, title and interest in all that piece and parcel of the land described in the "A" schedule property including one covered car parking area bearing No TF -408 in the basement with water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with common areas such as passages ,lobbies lifts , staircase and other areas of common use Details of property :- 1.Super built up area : 1300 sq. Ft (including car parking), 2.Undivided interest :Equivalent or 300 sq ft, 3.Walls: Solid Cement Brick., 4.Flooring: Marbel., 5.Cealing: R.C.C , 6.Doors: Main door Teak wood frame with teak finish door, other door frames with wood and flush doors. , 7. Windows: Steel Frames with Glazes mirror , 8.Ventilators: Glass, 9.Floor :Third Floor flat no TF -408 ,10.Amenities : Electricity , Water and Sanitary , Boundaries:- **East:** Private property , **West:** Narsipura Gadi, **North:** Private property and, **South:** Road. **A) RESERVE PRICE - Rs. 63,00,000.00 B) EMD - Rs. 6,30,000.00**			
2	1) BORROWER (S) : 1. M/S SOHAM BIO-MED No 16/4, Garla Enclave, 2nd Floor, West Circle Road V V Puram, Bengaluru-560004. 2. Mr. N Janardhana Naidu (Proprietor), S/o Late N Ramanjula Naidu 3. Mrs. Geetha Janardhan (Guarantor), W/o N Janardhana Naidu, Both are at : No 78, Canara Bank Colony, Ist Main, Ist Cross, Chikkalasandra, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560061. 2) Canara Bank - Townhall Branch Ph No. 080-22238308, Mob No. 8095990558	1) Rs.1,24,63,599.75 plus further interest & charges 2) Mentioned each property below.	1) 06.05.2024 upto 5.00 pm 2) 07.05.2024 upto 5.00 pm 3) 209272434 4) CNRB0000413 5) Rs. 50,000/-	1. 08.05.2024 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 Noon 3. 04.05.2024 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
	Description of the immovable/ movable assets: 1. All that part and parcel of Residential Flat bearing No 3, bearing Municipal number 16/4, Situated on the rear side of the 1st Floor of the apartment building **"GARLA ENCLAVE-1"**, Constructed on the property bearing Municipal No 16(Old No 16 & 17) Situated at West Circle Road, V V Puram, Bangalore-560004 and bounded by : **East by** – Sajjan Rao Choultry, **West by** – Property bearing No 18 &19, **North by** – Conservancy Lane and **South by** – West circle Road. Super Built up area 950 Sqft together with 1/6th undivided share & 1 car Parking Slot in the Stilt floor of the Building. **A) RESERVE PRICE - Rs. 73,00,000.00 B) EMD - Rs. 7,30,000.00** **2.** All the piece and parcel of Property bearing Site no 41 earlier CMC Khatha No 57/1, Present BBMP No 611/41, Situated at Chikkallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South taluk, Now under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore and bounded by : **East by –** Property No 42, **West by –** Property No 40, **North by –** 25 feet road and **South by –** Private property. Measuring East to West 40 Sqft and North to South 36 Sqft **A) RESERVE PRICE - Rs. 2,44,65,000.00 B) EMD - Rs. 24,47,000.00**			

For all details contact at Regional Office, MG Road, Bangalore. Contact Numbers - 1) 90109 49899, 2) 9482227790

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please logon to our website **www.canarabank.com** under "E-Auction" or contact the branch.

Place: Bangalore, Date : 06.04.2024 **Authorized Officer, Canara Bank**

HDFC BANK LIMITED

Regd Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
Branch Office: HDFC Bank Ltd, HDFC House, No.51, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru-560 001
Tel:-080-41183000, CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with **HDFC Bank Limited** by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of The Property
Mr. A R Margu (Borrower)	Loan A/c No: 666615540 Rs.10,19,677/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Seven Only) as on 30.11.2023	10.01.2024	06.04.2024	Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of land bearing converted **Sy.No.28/1** measuring 0-06 guntas, vide Conversion Order No.ALN.SR(N)291/2003-04, Dated: 17-04-2004, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, situated at Chikkasandra Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, presently comes under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Ward No.12, Bangalore which is bounded on the: **East by :** Remaining Portion of the Same Sy.No.28/1, **West by :** Halla & Land Belonging to Subramani, **North by :** Property in Sy.No.28/2, **South by :** Government Road. Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of land bearing converted Sy.No.28/2 measuring 1 acre 0-06 guntas, vide Conversion Order No, ALN SR(N)217/2003-04, Dated: 17-04-2004, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, situated at Chikkasandra Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, presently comes under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Ward No.12, Bangalore which is bounded on the: **East by :** Property in Sy.No.28/4, **West by :** Halla, **North by :** Property of Chowdappa, **South by :** Property in Sy.No.28/1. Schedule B: 0.61% undivided right, title, interest in the Schedule A Property mentioned above which would work out to 450.66 square feet approximately of the Schedule A Property in the subject matter of this Sale Deed. Schedule C:Apartment bearing Flat No.804, Katha No.4316, on the 8th Floor, measuring Super Built Area of 1073 Square feet in the building **"MAHAVEER DESIRE"** constructed on the Schedule A Property with the floors, ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such Apartment Owners equally including common area with One Car Parking Space No.804. The construction is of Ceramic Flooring. Aluminium Windows and Teak wood and Sal wood frarmes and Doors, separate Electricity, Common Water including common area rights.

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

However, since the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken symbolic possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.

The borrower(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of HDFC.

Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Copies of the Panchanama drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date: 07.04.2024 **Sd/-Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002**

THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OP. BANK LTD.,

ESTD: 1997

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: NO. 3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore -18.
Office: 26678572 : 26600512: 26609066. Tele Fax: (080) 26617980

(Rule 8 (1)) **POSSESSION NOTICE** (for immovable property) (Symbolically)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of **The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd.,** A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ Guarantor / legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers/ Guarantor / legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/ Guarantor / legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the moveable property/ assets described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule.

The borrowers/ Guarantor / legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the movable properties/ assets and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Bangalore City Co. operative Bank Ltd.,** A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sl. No.	Name of the Loanee	Balance Outstanding	Particulars of immovable
PADMANABHANAGAR BRANCH			
01	Sri. Naveed Nisar & Ahamed Hussain (Deceased) LR's Smt. Noor Jan (wife)	Demand Notice Dated : 10.01.2024 Possession Notice Dated : 02.04.2024 Balance outstanding : Rs.60,25,503/- as on 02.04.2024	All that part and parcel of the :- Vehicle Regd. No. KA 05 MN 0497, Mercedes Benz, Model No. M-Benz C-220-CDI, Chassis No. WDD2040026L061677, Engine No.65191131212451.

Date: 06.04.2024 Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place: Bangalore The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government Of India Undertaking)

Rajajinagar 3rd Block Branch,
No.628/629, 10th Main, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR
NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Rajajinagar 3rd Block Branch, Bengaluru** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledgement returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/Mortgagors/ Guarantors:
(1) Smt Anusha Dayananda C/o Channegowda K K Kadarananahalli, Kunigal Taluk Tumkur, Karnataka 572126. And **2) Mr Channegowda K K** Co Kalaveeraiah Kadarananahalli, Seenappanahalli, Huthridurga Hobali, Kunigal, Kadarama, Tumkur 572126.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Loan No.	Nature of Loan	Date of Sanction	Amount	Liability with interest as on Date - 26.03.2024	Rate of Interest
160000688680	Housing Loan	24.03.2022	Rs. 146.00 Lakhs	Rs.1,48,09,506.00	9.45%

Total Liability Amount: Rs.1,48,09,506.00 (Rupees One Crore Fourty Eight Lakhs Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Six Only) as on **26.03.2024** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 25.03.2024 **Demand Notice Dated : 27.03.2024**

Details of Security Assets: Name of Title Holders : Smt Anusha Dayananda and Mr Channegowda K K

All that piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing Site No 1101, BBMP Katha No.1101, Serial No.1101, Old PID No/Katha No.1101 of Ward No.129, Ward Name: Gnana Bharathe Nagarasabhe layout formed in Sy No 30/2 and 29 by the Karnataka State "D" group employees central association layout (Regd) formed in Srigandhadhakavel Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk measuring East to West:40-0 Feet and North to South: 30-0 Feet in all totally measuring 1200 Square Feet along with a residential building consisting of stilt floor, ground floor, first floor, second floor and terrace floor there on and Bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Site No 1063, North by: Site No 1102, South: Site No.1100.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 06.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)

CANARA BANK

Regional Office, Devanahalli.
No. 333, Matru Arcade, 2nd Floor, 19th Ward, B.B. Road, Devanahalli Town-562110, Bengaluru Rural District.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION)
UNDER RULES 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold on **AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS"** under rule no. 8 & 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules (hereinafter refferred tp as the rules) for the recovery of the dues details as under: By inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E-auction arranged by the service provider **M/S CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LTD,No 218, J P Royale,1st Floor, SampigeRoad,Malleswaram,email id - eauction@ccsl.co.in,Contact Person - Mr.Sathiathan K M / Mr. Ramesh T.H,Contact Number - 9480691777 / 8898418010/ 8880531165 /080-23469661 /62/ 64/ 65**

Sl. No.	Name of the Branch & Contact No.	Name of the Borrower/ Guarantor (s)	Total Liabilities Outstanding Amount	Property Discription	1) Reseve Price 2) EMD	1) EMD Account No. 2) IFSC Code 3) Bid Factor	1) Auction Date and Timings 2) Date & Time of Inspection
1.	**Devanahalli Branch** Ph. No : 9483530474, Email : cb0474@canara-bank.com	**1) Mr. Inayatullah,** Sadaf 2, Apt Up02 Jbr, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, **2) Mr. Inayatullah,** No. 37/1 Askeri House, Dongerpally, Bhatkal, Uttara Kannada-581320. **3) Mr. Syed Mohsin Bafaque,** S/o. Syed Mohsin, 37/1 Donger Palli Road, Magdoom Colony, Bhatkal, Uttara Kannada-581320. **4) Mr. Syed Mohsin Bafaque**, No. 13, 2Nd Floor, 5th Main Road, Opp. CSI Church, J C Nagar, Bangalore - 560006. **5) Mrs. Mahjabeen Sayed Mohsin,** C/o. Syed Mohsin Bafaque, No. 13, 2Nd Floor, 5Th Main Road, Opp. Csi Church, J C Nagar, Bangalore-560006.	as on 17.02.2024 **Rs. 2,27,83,092.52** + Interest There on	**Schedule A (1 & 2) :** All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Sy.Nos. 136/3, 136/4 & 136/1 old V.P No. 8300/136/3, 8301/136/4 Project known as " S2- WATER GROVE" situated at kammasandara village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist. Measuring 1 Acre 11 Guntas and is **bounded on the (owned by S. Rama Reddy) : East by :** Land belongs to Pujarappa, **West by :** Land belongs to Ramaswami (Now belonging to M/s. S Homes & Road), **North by :** Remaining extent of 6 guntas in Sy. No 136/3 belonging to S Ramareddy and thereafter 20 feet. **South by :** Land belonging to Ramaiah. (2) All the piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Sy. No 136/1, CMC Khatha No.5382/136/1, project known as "S2 WATER GROVE" situated at Kammasandra village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist measuring 10 guntas and is **bounded on : East by :** Remaining portion in Sy. No 136 belonging to Sri Ramareddy, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Remaining portion in Sy. No 136/1 belonging to Sri. Chandrashekar, **South by :** Remaining portion in Sy. No. 136/1 belonging to Lakshmi and Ramaswamy. **DETAILS OF MORTGAGED FLATS :** All that piece and parcel of the flat bearing No. FF8, present CMC Khatha No. 10668/5382/8300/8301/136/1,3,4/C/4th fl/FF8, Fourth Floor "C" Block, "S2-HOMES – THE WATER GROVE" apartment constructed on Sch. A property measuring 2106 Sq.ft of super built up area including private terrace of the apartment as per proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use And also exclusive usage of with one covered car parking space at stilt floor including 511 sq ft of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule Aproperty and flat **bounded by : East by :** Open space, **West by :** Corridor, **North by :** Flat No. FF7, **South by :** Flat No. FF9.	**1) Rs. 88,53,300/- 2) EMD Rs. 8,85,330/- EMD Shell Deposited on or before 15-05-2024 5.00 p.m.**	**A/c. No. 209272434 IFSC Code : CNRB0000474 Bid Factor : 10,000/-**	**1) 17.05.2024 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM 2) 13.05.2024 between 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.**
2.	**Vishwanathapura Branch** Ph : 080-29501030, Mob : 9820268424 Email : cb0475@canarabank.com	**1) Sri Muralidhara K M** S/o. Munishamappa, Koira Village, Koira Post, Devanahalli - 562110.	as on 14.02.2024 **Rs. 20,38,251.69** + Interest there on	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khata No 1924/1694/5140/VS-15. Site No 15, Property No 2-3-533-14A , North to South 35 ft , East to West 25 ft. Total 875 sq ft , Near Gangadharapura Sobagu Theater, 2nd Division , 4th Ward Old Rojipura, 4th Stage Doddabalapur, Doddabalapur Taluk , Bangalore Rural. **Boundaries as per valuation report/sale deed : East by :** Site No. 14, **West by :** Site No. 16, **North by :** 14 Feet Road, **South by :** Lane.	**1) Rs. 25,58,813/- 2) EMD Rs. 2,55,881/- EMD Shell Deposited on or before 26.04.2024 5.00 p.m.**	**A/c. No. 209272434 IFSC Code : CNRB0000475 Bid Factor : 10,000/-**	**1) 30.04.2024 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM 2) 24.04.2024 between 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.**
3.	**Thyamagondlu Branch** Ph. No 9731828027, Email : cb0436@canara-bank.com	**Sri. Narayana Swamy .M,** Sub Staff, Canara Bank, Planning and Assurance, DIT Wing HO, Naveen Complex, Bengaluru -560001. **Also at :** Sri. Narayana Swamy .M S/o. Krishnappa Mariyappa, Doddachannohalli Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Pin : 562132.	as on 16.02.2024 **Rs. 10,56,100.19** + Interest and Expenses There on	EMT of the property bearing Khaneshumari No. 46/87/2, Doddachannohalli Village, Nelamangala Taluk, measuring East to West 70 ft and North to South 34 ft, recorded in the name of Sri. Narayana Swamy .M S/o Krishnappa Mariyappa. Boundaries as per valuation report/sale deed : **On the North by :** Karalappa's property, **On the South by :** Kumbaiah's property, **On the East by :** Hanumanthappa's property, **On the West by :** Village Road.	**1) Rs. 11,07,450- 2) EMD Rs. 1,10,745/- EMD Shell Deposited on or before 26.04.2024 5.00 p.m.**	**A/c. No. 209272434 IFSC Code : CNRB0000436 Bid Factor : 10,000/-**	**1) 30.04.2024 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM 2) 24.04.2024 between 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.**
4.	**Devanahalli Branch** Phone: 080-27682252 Mobile: 9483530474 Email: cb0474@canarabank.com	**1. Smt Eramma,** No. 62, Ground Floor, Maruthi Layout, Near J J Apartments, 23rd Cross, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru 560040. **also at :** House no. 994, Channapatna K H B colony, Opp new K S R T C Bus Stand, H.N Pura Road, Hassan, Bangalore Pin 573201. **2. Sri Prem Kumar .C .S,** No. 383, Ist floor, 9th main, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560040.	as on 10.10.2023 **Rs. 10,06,856.61** with further interest and cost thereon	All that piece and parcel of the land and building measuring 135 sq metres and bearing House no. 994 situated at Channapatna K H B colony, Opp new K S R T C Bus Stand ,H.N Pura Road ,Hassan and bounded by **East by :** house No 995 MIG, **West by :** House No 993 MIG, **North by :** 9.00 metre road, **South by :** House no 980 MIG.	**1) Rs. 61,51,000/- 2) EMD Rs. 6,15,100/- EMD Shell Deposited on or before 26.04.2024 5.00 p.m.**	**A/c. No. 209272434 IFSC Code : CNRB0000474 Bid Factor : 10,000/-**	**1) 30.04.2024 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM 2) 24.04.2024 between 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.**
5.	**Doddaballapur Branch** Ph.No. 9052838528 Email : email : cb0664@canara-bank.com	**Sri Nagesh S P (Borrower),** S/o. Prakash S N, # 881, First Ward, Cinema Road, Chowdeshwari Temple Road, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural -561203. **2. Sri Krishnesha S P (Guarantor), S/o. Prakash S N,** # 881 First Ward Cinema Road, Chowdeshwari Temple Road, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural -561203.	as on 01.02.2024 **Rs. 8,76,918.13** with further Interest and Expenses there on	EMT of all the part and parcel of the Property No. 1526/1, CMC PID No: 13-4-544-78C, Municipal Assessment No:1344/1526/1/1526/1 situated at Venkataswamy Temple behind, Terinabeedi Road, 8th Division, Doddaballapur Town measuring East to West 102 ft and North to South 12 ft. Total measuring 1224 sq ft. **Boundaries As Per Valuation Report/Sale Deed : East by :** Road and Survey No. 69 Prasanna, Venkataramanaswamy property, **West by :** Sy No. 68/1 Sri R C Srinivas, Sri B R Chandrashekaraiah property & PID No 13-4- 544-74, **North by :** Site No. 5, Sri S P Krishnesha & Smt. Vinutha Property & PID No. 13-4-544-78B, **South by :** Veerabadrana Paly village in Sy No. 28, Sri M. O. Rajeshwari & Sri A. L. Nagalakshmi Property & PID No. 13-4-544-97.	**1) Rs. 11,25,000/- 2) EMD Rs. 1,12,500/- EMD Shall Deposited on or before 26.04.2024 5.00 p.m.**	**A/c. No. 209272434 IFSC Code : CNRB0000664 Bid Factor : 10,000/-**	**1) 30.04.2024 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM 2) 24.04.2024 between 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.**
6.	**Nelamangala II Branch** Phone: 080-27723777, 9686723057 Email : cb10490@canarabank.com	**1. Smt. Manjula G.H.** W/o Sri. Govindiah V, **2. Sri. Govindaiah,** S/o. Venkataramaiah, both are residing at : # Site No. 3, Door No 17,Khatha No. 935/3, Honnagangaiahna Palya, Mallarabanawadi Post,Kasaba Hobali, Nelamangala Tq, Arasinakunte, Bangalore rural- 562123.S	as on 02.02.2024 **Rs. 78,49,919.67** with further interest and cost thereon	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No. 3, Door No. 17, Khata No. 935/3, Situated at Honnagangaiah palya, Malarabanwadi Post, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala, Bangalore measuring East to West 22 feet and North to South 34 feet, **bounded as follows : East by :** Property of Srinivas, **West by :** Propert of Venkataramaiah, **North by :** Property of Manjula, **South by :** Road.	**1) Rs. 14,65,000/- 2) EMD Rs. 1,46,500/- EMD Shall Deposited on or before 26.04.2024 5.00 p.m.**	**A/c. No. 209272434 IFSC Code : CNRB0010490 Bid Factor : 10,000/-**	**1) 30.04.2024 10.30 AM to 11.00 AM 2) 24.04.2024 between 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.**
7..	**SME Hoskote Branch** Ph.No. 9600251614 Email : cb5580@canara-bank.com	**Mr. Suhail Ahmed,** S/o. Mushtaka Ahmed, No. 823 Halepet, Kothur Village, Bethamangala, Bangarpet, Kolar-563116. Smt. Shahanaaz Begum, W/o. Mushtaq Ahmed, 4th Block, Masjid Road, Old Town Bethamangala, Kolar-563116.	as on 01-02-2024 **Rs. 28,76,501.82** with further Interest and Expenses there onS	EMT of the property consisting of Flat No/Plat No./Site No. 31 in Sy.No./City or Town Survey No./Property No 151900201700800162 V P Khatha No. 122 formed out of alienated Sy No. 30 & 31, Kothur Village, BethamangalaHobli, Bangarpet Taluk, Kolar District measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South Eastern Side: 25 feet and Western Side 40 feet Total Area 1200 sq recorded in the name of Mr.Suhail Ahmed S/o Mushtaka Ahmed.Boundaries As Per Valuation Report/Sale Deed : **East by :** 12ft Width Road, **West by :** Site No. 32, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Government Road.	**1) Rs. 31,04,064/- 2) EMD Rs. 3,10,406/- EMD Shell Deposited on or before 26.04.2024 5.00 p.m.**	**A/c. No. 209272434 IFSC Code : CNRB0005580 Bid Factor : 10,000/-**	**1) 30.04.2024 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM 2) 24.04.2024 between 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please logon to our **website http://www.canarabank.com under "E-Auction"** or contact the respective branches.

Date: 06.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Devanahalli **CANARA BANK**

Two killed in shooting at amid a gunfight at a suburban Miami bar. Seven people have been injured

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Dhaka	37	27	LC	Moscow	11	4	LC
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Houston	25	21	SNY	Singapore	32	28	LR
Istanbul	12	19	LC	Toronto	9	2	LC
London	21	11	WI	Washington	12	4	LC

600 still stranded 3 days after Taiwan earthquake

Roads in many parts remain blocked by rocks that fell during quake

HUALIEN

RESCUERS were planning to bring in heavy equipment on Saturday to try to recover two bodies buried under boulders on a hiking trail, three days after Taiwan's strongest earthquake in 25 years.

Four more people remain missing on the same Shakadang Trail in Taroko National Park, famed for its rugged mountainous terrain. Search and recovery work was set to resume, after being called off Friday afternoon because of aftershocks.

At least 13 people were killed by the magnitude 7.4 earthquake that struck Wednesday morning off Taiwan's east coast, and 10 others were still missing. More than 600 people, including about 450 at a hotel in the Taroko park, remained stranded in various locations cut off by rockslides and other damage.

Survivors have told harrowing tales of rocks tumbling onto roadways, trapping them in tunnels until rescuers arrived to free them. In the city of Hualien, a building left tilting over a street at a precarious angle was being carefully torn down. The relatively low number of deaths from such a powerful quake has been attributed to strict construction standards and widespread public education campaigns on the earthquake-prone island.

A magnitude 7.7 earthquake that struck in 1999 killed 2,400 people. The two dead and four missing on Shakadang Trail include a family of five. The trapped bodies found on Friday were a man and a woman, but they have not been identified, according to Taiwanese media reports. The demolition of a building that is leaning precariously after an earthquake in Taiwan was halted on Saturday because of aftershocks that made it lean even more, media reports said.

The red building, about 10 storeys tall and inclined over a street in the city of Hualien, has become an iconic image from the magnitude 7.4 earthquake that also buried people under boulders at nearby Taroko National Park, a popular hiking destination about 25 kilometres northwest of Hualien. Wednesday's quake was the most serious in Taiwan since one of a magnitude of 7.6 hit the island in 1999.

The death toll then was far higher—with 2,400 people killed in the deadliest natural disaster in the island's history.

Stricter regulations—including enhanced seismic requirements in its building codes—and widespread public disaster awareness appeared to have staved off a more serious catastrophe this time around. *AFP*

Rocks and debris from quake-induced landslide block a road in Hualien | AFP

EXPRESS READ

Seven children dead in blast in Syria's Daraa

Damascus: A roadside bomb detonated Saturday in southwestern Syria, killing at least seven children, state media reported. It remains unclear who planted the bomb in the northern countryside of conflict-stricken Daraa province, which lies between Jordan and the Golan Heights.

Chinese workers resent protocols, says Maryam

Lahore: Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz on Friday said that Chinese nationals living in Pakistan get "resentful" when they are asked to follow security protocols, a week after five Chinese engineers were among six killed in a suicide bombing in the restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province

Trump eyes $43 million in biggest fundraiser

New York: Donald Trump's campaign is expecting to raise more than $40 million on Saturday when major donors gather for his biggest fundraiser yet. The event at the Palm Beach, Florida, home of billionaire investor John Paulson is expected to bring in $43 million for Trump's campaign

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TENDER NOTICE NO: 66/2024 Dt.05.04.2024. SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS e-Procurement Tender Notice

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The Following Tenders Have Been Floated Online. Tenders Are Requested To Visit The Website **www.ireps.gov.in** And Submit Their Offers Online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD May Be Seen In Website. Offers Submitted Manually Will Not Be Accepted. Offers By Post Will Not Be Entertained. Tender Closing Time Is 14.30 Hrs Of The Due Date Of The Tender. "For All Indigenous Offers, EMD Will Be Accepted Only Via Online System As Available On **www.ireps.gov.in**."

Tender No.	Brief Description
30.24.3592	AXLE Box housing finish machined
LH245437	Set of Double side swing Doors
LH236824A	Supply &Application Anti Graffiti clear coating
LM245218	Advanced Apheresis System
60.23.8790	Procurement of valves, cylinders. voltmeter
66.24.5111	Broom Element for BRM as per kershaw
83.24.2038A	Pre Printed Thermal ATVM Ticket Rolls
LM245142A	Unloading equipment for 20 RP rakes
60.23.8145C	Return filter as per JSC kalugaputmash
17.24.1831	Overhauling kit for Electronic brake
38.24.2069	37mm Packing for Buffer Height
73241511B	Spilt pin steel size 10x12mm
38.24.1015	Knuckle pivot pin with washer
38.23.2391B	Primary Brake Beam
76.24.1003	Steel wire 1.2 mm in spool
67235005 A	Supply installation & commissioning
38.24.2377	Upgraded High capacity Draft Gear
60.23.9565	Procurement of PNEUMATIC Brake
66.24.5103	Procurement of Various types of valves
16.241274B	3 Yearly overhauling kit for HHP Locomotive
56.24.1004	PVC signalling cable size;2core x 2.5 sq mm
66245195	Procurement of Hyd. motor, Duplex chain
6024PT0014	PSC Sleepers to T-8970
56.24.1005	Pvc insulated, cable copper
73.24.1003	Hex Head screw complete (consisting of 4 items)
60.23.9425	Procurement Dredger station. Drive station
6023PT169A	PSC Sleepers for switch portions
38.24.1013	Coupler body with shank

Note:-Due dates of Tender Opening: SL.NO 01. On dt.12.04.2024 SL No.02 on dt 19.04.2024 SL.no.03 to 04 on dt 22.04.2024 SL No 05 &06 on dt 23.04.2024 SL.NO. 07 to 11 on dt 24.04.2024 SL.NO.12 to 14 on dt 25.04.2024 SL NO. 15 to 17 on dt 26.04.2024 SL.No.18 to 22 on dt 29.04.2024 SL. No. 23 on dt 30.04.2024 SL.No.24&25 on dt 01.05.2024 SL.No 26 &27 on dt.06.05.2024 SL.No 28 on dt 08.05.2024

Beside Above Mentioned Tenders There Are Other Tenders Having Value Below **Rs.25 Lakhs.**

For Details, Please Visit Railway Website Above.

Principal Chief Material Manager/Secunderabad

e-Tender Notice No.B/E.29-TRD-TNDR-01-2024-25 Dt.01.04.2024

P.LB/1323

Tenders are invited in IREPS by the undersigned for the following works:

S.No.:01 **Tender No.:** Tender No.B/E.29-TRD-TNDR-01-2024-25 **Name of work :** BZA Division - Conversion of 09 Numbers of 33 kV overhead Power line crossing into Underground Cable (UG) crossings of BZA-DVD section in BZA division. (DEPOSIT WORK). **Approx. Value (₹):** 1,18,17,446/- **Bid Security (EMD) (₹) :** 2,09,100/- **Completion period :** 12 Months **Date of closing :** 26.04.2024 at 15.00 Hrs.

S.No. 1- Cost of Tender form (Rs.): **Nil**

Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer/ TrD/Vijayawada

e-Tender Notice No.B/E.29-TRD-TNDR-02-2024-25 Dt.03.04.2024

P.LB/1324

Tenders are invited in IREPS by the undersigned for the following works:

S.No.:01 **Tender No.:** Tender No.B/E.29-TRD-TNDR-02-2024-25 **Name of work :** Vijayawada Division - Additions and alterations to OHE in connection with Proposed Road Over Bridge at KM - 626/17-19 between SLO - Medapadu by RVNL as a part of Construction of 4 lane High way from Samarlakota to Achempeta Junction (from KM: 0.00 to 12.250) as part of Kakinada Port to NH-16 connectivity in the state of Andhra Pradesh on EPC mode under Bharatmala Pariyojana in connection with NHAI project. (DEPOSIT WORK). **Approx. Value (₹):** 27,92,135/- **Bid Security (EMD) (₹) :** 55,900/- **Completion period :** 12 Months **Date of closing :** 02.05.2024 at 15.00 Hrs.

S.No. 1- Cost of Tender form (Rs.): **Nil**

Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer/ TrD/Vijayawada

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For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to Inform the General Public, My Clients Sri. SOMASHEKAR, Aged about 55 years, Son of Late. Kollappa Gowda and ANITHA. M. S., Aged about 54 years, Wife of Sri. Somashekar, both Residing at : No. 514, 3rd C Cross, OMBR Layout, Opp. Telephone Exchange, Dodda Banaswadi, Bangalore - 560 043, had lost the Original Confirmation Deed, Document No. BNS-1-09240/2019-20 of Book-1, Dated: 30-08-2019, Stored in CD. No. BNSD851, Registered in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Banaswadi, Bangalore.

Property bearing Site No. 6CC-301/A, Municipal No. 6CC-301/A, PID. No. 88-255-6CC-301/A, Formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Situated at OMBR Layout, Banasawadi, presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 12.90 Mtrs and North to South : 9.00 Mtrs in all measuring 116.10 Sq. Mtrs and bounded on the : East by : Site. No. 6DC-302, West by : 6CC-Road, North by : Site. No. 6CC-301, South by : Site. No. 6CC-303.

If found please contact

Place: Bangalore
Date: 06.04.2024

Sd/-
PRADEEP. M, B.Com, LLB, Advocate
No. 182, Old KEB Road,
Anjaneya Temple Street,
Dodda Banaswadi, Bangalore – 560043.
Mob: 9945332706/ 9448242555

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that my clients are intending to purchase the schedule property belonging to Sri.Achyuth Krishna, Son of Sri.N S Krishna, Aged about 41 years, residing at No:1864/1, Thirty Second Cross, Tenth Main, Banashankari Second Stage, Bangalore – 560 070;

Any, person, having any claim over the schedule property claiming through the predecessors in title or any other person, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within 10 (ten) days hereof, failing which my clients will proceed to conclude the Sale Transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my clients;

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of entire residential property bearing Municipal No.1864/1 (earlier north western portion of composite property bearing CITB No.1864), now situated at Thirty Second Cross, Banashankari Second Stage, Bangalore, within the limits and administration of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No.165-Ganeshmandir (old ward No.56), PID No.56-30-1864/1 together with 850 Sq.Ft in ground floor and 700 Sq.Ft in first floor RCC roof, mosaic flooring, jungle/sal wood structures standing thereon and bounded on the:

East by : Property bearing Municipal No. 864, belonging to Smt.Vimala Parameswaran, Sri.Satish and Sri.Santhosh;

West by : Property bearing CITB No.1865;

North by : Thirty Second Cross Road;

South by : Property bearing Municipal No.1864, belonging to Smt. Vimala Parameswaran, Sri.Satish and Sri.Santhosh;

MEASURING: East to West : 40 feet; North to South : 40 feet;

In all admeasuring 1,600 sq.ft.;

N S RACHANA
N C JANARDHAN, ADVOCATES
Rachana Law Associates,
"Lakshmideep", I Floor, No:2980,
17th Cross, Banashankari II Stage,
BANGALORE – 560 070
PH : 9731810810/9886284325
Dt : 06-04-2024

IN THE COURT OF THE VIth ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU
P & SC No. 138/2024

BETWEEN: M S CHANDRA SHEKAR,
S/o. Late M V Shankaranarayana Iyer, Aged about 73 years, Residing at No. 9, "Abhinava", Ashtagrama Layout, Bengaluru – 560 079 And ors.

...Petitioners

AND: NIL ...Respondents

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named have made petition to this Court under Section 278 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, for the grant of Letter of Administration in respect of the movable and immovable properties in favour of the Petitioners to own and possess absolutely as well as for beneficial enjoyment of the same.

Interested parties are hereby called upon to file their objection to the claim of the petitioners and appear before this Court on **23.04.2024 at 11 AM** to show cause against the Petitioner, failing which the above case shall be heard and decided *ex parte*.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment Flat No. 201, First Floor, facing East, measuring 1350 square feet of super built up area put up in property forming part of apartment building known as Siri Srinivasa Enclave together with 270 square feet of undivided share, right, title, interest, and ownership in the underlying property bearing Nos. 17/7/5 and 16/7/5, Jinger Nos. 420 and 421, situated at Uttarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, within the limits of BBMP, and sital area comprising of the flat consisting of 3 bedrooms, hall, kitchen, bathroom and toilets, consisting of flush doors and wooden windows, having vitrified flooring and with reserved covered car parking area in the basement with flat No. 201 demarcated on the north-west corner of the property with the flat bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Site Nos. 24 & 25, North by: Flat No. 202 and South by: Road; with the underlying property bounded on the East by: Road, West by: Site Nos. 24 & 25, North by: Site No. 18 and South by: 25 feet road

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTIES MOVABLE PROPERTIES

Item No. 1 : Savings Account No. 40251270530 in the name of M S Vidyapathy in State Bank of India, Jayanagar 4th T Block Branch, Bengaluru, having a balance of Rs. 100/- as on 31.01.2024.

Item No. 2 : Savings Account No. 67300100005093 in the name of M S Vidyapathy in Bank of Baroda, Devarayasamudra Branch, Kolar District, having a balance of Rs. 144.95/- as on 31.01.2024.

Item No. 3 : Savings Account No. 2613101000405 in the name of M S Vidyapathy in Canara Bank, Jayanagar 9th Block Branch, Bengaluru, having a balance of Rs. 2050/- as on 31.01.2024.

Item No. 4 : Account No. 10200019727 in the name of M S Vidyapathy in Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank, Basavanagudi Branch, Bengaluru, having unknown balance as on 31.01.2024.

Item No. 5 : Account No. 36936 in the name of M S Vidyapathy in Bharat Co-operative Bank Ltd, Jayanagar 3rd Block branch, Bengaluru, having unknown balance as on 31.01.2024.

Item No. 6 : All the furniture and fixtures located in the house mentioned hereinabove and having a value equivalent to about ₹15,000 (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only), as on the date of filing this petition.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this **4th day of March, 2023.**

By order of the Court,
Chief Administrative Officer,
City Civil & Sessions Court,
Bengaluru City, Bengaluru

Address of petitioner's counsel:
Sourabh R Kurubarahalli, Advocate
S-502, Manipal Center
Dickenson Road, Bengaluru - 560025

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PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank | **Branch Office-** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Gawararam Purohit/ Divya Purohit/ LBBNG00005810062	Schedule 'A' Property: (Description of Entire Property) All that Piece and Parcel of residential Property bearing Municipal No.57, 'Lakshman Kutir' measuring East to West 32 Feet, (9.753 meters) and North to South 50 feet, (15.24 meters), together measuring 1600 Square Feet or 148.635 Square meters., situated at Shradhananda Bhavan Road, Visveswarapuram, Bangalore560004 consisting of Ground Floor, First Floor, Second Floor and Third Floor having 10 feet common passage from Shradananda Bhavan Road to Schedule A Property, and bounded on the: East by: Private Property and 5 feet common passage leading to S B Road West by: Conservancy Lane now called 'Kavi Lakshmisha Lane' North by: Private Property South by: Private Property Schedule 'b' Property: (Description of The Portion in Schedule A Property hereby conveyed) All that Residential Property presently bearing Municipal No. 57/2, coming within the Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike in ward No. 50 of V. V. Puram, having PID No. 50-03-57/2, being the Southern portion of Third Floor, constructed on property bearing Municipal No. 57, 'Lakshman Kutir', situated at Shradhananda Bhavan Road, Visveswarapuram, Division No. 47, Bangalore -560004, measuring 615 square feet of Super Built up area, (including proportionate share in Common Areas such as staircases and other common areas) along with 1/8th undivided share in land comprised in Schedule A Property, which is equivalent to 200 square feet:/ Date of Physical Possession on/04/04/2024.	06.05.2023/ Rs. 43,94,022.00/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : April 06, 2024
Place : Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
BENGALURU

Address: Recovery & Legal Section, 2nd Floor, Spencer Towers, M G Road, Bengaluru – 560001.
Email Id: blrsarfaesi@canarabank.com
Contact No: 8921102717/ 9538062689

Advertisement for Empanelment as Private Detective/Investigation Agencies and SARFAESI Agents in Bengaluru viz: BENGALURU METRO, MYSURU, MANDYA & TUMKURU area of Canara bank

Canara Bank invites application in prescribed format from Private detective/Investigation agencies and SARFAESI Agents for Empanelment by the Bank to trace out missing borrower, to unearth the uncharged assets of the NPA borrowers etc. for Private detective agencies and for expediting orders of the DM/ CMM Courts, for taking actual possession of secured assets and for safekeeping/watch and ward etc. for Sarfaesi agents respectively subject to fulfilment of eligibility criteria as stated below and advertisement has uploaded in Bank's website **www.canarabank.com.**

Eligibility criteria for empanelling as Detective/Investigation agencies:

- Detective / Investigating agencies should have minimum 3 years of experience in the activity and maintained proven track records with banks / Financial Institutions and must be a member of "APDI".
- Preference will be given to those agencies which are being run by/manned with:
  a) Retired revenue or tax or police officials of Govt. departments, who are offering Asset Investigating Services
  b) Senior ex-officials of CBI / Police / Crime Branch and Govt. Investigative Agencies (minimum of the rank ACP / DSP)

Eligibility criteria for empanelling as SARFAESI Agents:

- Sarfaesi agents must be equipped with necessary infrastructure for storage of seized assets and with sufficient staff.
- Preference will be given to those who are already in the panel of other banks.

Empanelment of Private Detective/Investigation agencies will be done at areas like BENGALURU METRO, MYSURU, MANDYA and TUMKURU. Interested Private Detective/Investigation agencies and SARFAESI Agents satisfying the eligibility criteria may submit their duly filled in applications along with all relevant documents to concerned Circle Office from 10.04.2024 to 20.10.2024. Applications received after 20.04.2024 and without relevant particulars shall be summarily rejected. Bank's decision in this regard shall be final and binding on all parties, and Bank would be having absolute discretion to take any decision in this regard.

"Applications are also invited for Empanelment of the **"FIXED ASSET VALUERS"** for the period 2024-29. Please refer our Bank's website **https://www.canarabank.com –** what's new section for further details."

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT my client intend to Sell Property to **MALANKARA MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH OF MALABAR, JERUSALEM MAR THOMA CHURCH,** located at No.40/A, Kempapura Road, Hebbal, Bangalore - 560 024, represented by its **(1) Trustee – Finance, Mr. Mathew George** s/o late Mr. C.V. George, aged 69 yrs and **(2) Trustee – Accounts, Mr.Jaby Sam** s/o late Samuel TC, aged 49 yrs, the property hereinafter referred as the Schedule property and being morefully described in the schedule hereunder.

Any person/firms/institutions/companies/Banks/financial institutions having any claim, right, interest any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment, O.S pending over the schedule property is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/ their claim if any with all supporting documents, failing which the transaction shall be completed without reference to such claims and if any in future shall not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

1. Converted **Sy.No.19,** measuring 0A-39 Guntas and 0A-1 Gunta kharab, Totally 1 acre vide Conversion Order No.ALN.SR(S)SAKALA116/2012-13, dated 25.09.2012, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura District, situated at Malluru Village, Jangamanakote Hobli, Shidlagatta Taluk, Chikkaballapura District.
2. Converted **Sy.No.22,** measuring 1 acre 13 Guntas and 0A-03 Guntas kharab, Totally 1 acre 16 Guntas, vide Conversion Order No.ALN.SR(S)SAKALA115/2012-13, dated 25.09.2012, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura District, situated at Patalammanahalli Village, Jangamanakote Hobli, Shidlagatta Taluk, Chikkaballapura District.
3. Converted **Sy.No.23/1,** measuring 0A - 04 Guntas and 0A-5 Guntas kharab, Totally 9 guntas vide Conversion Order No.ALN.SR(S) SAKALA115/2012-13, dated 25.09.2012, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura District, situated at Patalammanahalli Village, Jangamanakote Hobli, Shidlagatta Taluk, Chikkaballapura District.

Totally measuring 2 acres 16 Guntas and 0A-09 Guntas Kharab and bounded on: **East by :** Kere Kaluve, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Kere Kaluve, **South by:** Smasana.

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Mob. No. 98450 50757
Email Id: eshwarprasath0015@gmail.com
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(Govt.Silk Exchange Building) Near Halasuru Gate Police Station
Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore – 560 002.

The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
No.73/1, Gandhi Bazaar Main Road, Bangalore - 560 004.
Ph: 080-22421998, 26618092, 26618093 E-mail: admin.ao@ncbl.org.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **The National Co-Operative Bank Limited.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord.3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within **60 days** from the date of the said notice.

The borrower and the Co-obligant having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Co-obligant and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under Section 13(4) of the ordinance read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The borrower and the Co-obligant in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The National Co-Operative Bank Limited.,** for an amount with interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

(1) Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Obligant's (1) Sri. Babu M P and Smt. Tejaswini No.40, Flat No. 302, Sri Sai Balaji Enclave, Srinivasapura, Kengeri, Bengalore 560060 and **co-obligant 1) Smt. Tejaswini** W/o Sri. Babu M P No.40, Flat No. 302, Sri Sai Balaji Enclave, Srinivasapura, Kengeri, Bengaluru 560060 **2) Sri. Babu M P** S/o Sri Padmanabaiah M No.40, Flat No. 302, Sri Sai Balaji Enclave, Srinivasapura, Kengeri, Bengalore 560060. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,08,81,608/-** (Rupees One Crore Eight Lakh Eighty One Thousand Six Hundred and Eight Only) as on **01.02.2024** and further interest and other charges from there on.

Demand Notice Dated : 02.02.2024 **Possession Notice Date: 05.04.2024**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE-A: All that piece and parcel of the combined property of item Nos. I and II bearing Southern portion of Eastern side of site No. 40 and Northern portion of Eastern side of site No. 41, old Katha No.365/198 and 366/199, present consolidated Katha No. 402/365/198, formed in converted Survey No. 15/4E and 15/4B, situated at Ganakallu village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Hemmigepura, Ward No.198, Ganakallu, Bangalore, Totally measuring 3084.6 Sq.ft, and bounded on the: East by : Site No. 38 & 39, West by : Remaining portion of same site No. 40 & 41, North by: Private Property, South by: 30 feet Road

SCHEDULE 'B' : All that piece and parcel of property bearing Flat No. 201,2nd Floor, 3BHK, Shri Sai Balaji Enclave, (Site No. 40&41) consolidated katha No.365/198 situated at Ganakallu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk having super built up area of 1425 sq.ft, along with undivided share of 361 sq.ft. East by : Site No. 38 & 39, West by: Remaining portion of same site No. 40 & 41, North by: Private Property, South by:30 feet Road

SCHEDULE 'C' : All that piece and parcel of property bearing Flat No. 302, 3rd Floor, 4BHK, Shri Sai Balaji Enclave, (Site No. 40&41) consolidated katha No.365/198 situated at Ganakallu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk having super built up area of 1615 sq.ft, along with undivided share of 409 sq.ft. East by: Site No. 35 & 39, West by: Remaining portion of same site No. 40 & 41, North by: Private Property, South by:30 feet Road.

(2) Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Obligant's (1) Sri. Suraj M, No.C0634, 4th Floor, Brigade Meadows, Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru-560082 and the **co-obligants (2) Smt.Pooja S.L** W/o Suraj M, No.C0634, 4th Floor, Brigade Meadows, Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru-560 082, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.67,28,927/-** (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Seven only) and interest thereon from **01.02.2024** & Cost to other charges and expenses there on.

Demand Notice Dated : 02.02.2024 **Possession Notice Date: 05.04.2024**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE-A: All that piece and parcel of the site bearing new No. 279, New BBMP Katha No. 1579/4196/279, in the Layout known as "South Avenue ", in Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Totally measuring 3702 Sq.ft, and bounded on the: East by : Park, West by: Site No.282, North by: Road, South by: Private property.

SCHEDULE-B: All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.279, House List/Flat No.G1, 2BHK Ground Floor, New BBMP Khata No.1579/4196/279/G-1, "South Avenue", "Madura Yugo" Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, with Super built up area 1300 Sq.ft., with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring Main Doors made of Burma Teak Wood and UPVC windows with 647 Sq.ft., proportionate share on common areas suchs passages, Lobbies, Staircase and lift, one demarked (G1) Car Parking space. East by: Park, West by: House Bearing No.G2, North by : Road, South by :Private property. And 555 sq.ft, undivided right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property.

Date : 06.04.2024
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The National Co-Operative Bank Limited.,

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CHIKKABALLAPUR

No.CAL/CR/E-Tender(fodder)/40/2023-24 DATE: 05.04.2024

SHORT Re-TERM -TENDER NOTIFICATION FOR E-TENDER

Sub:Calling of E-Tender for supply of "DRY FODDER" during 2023-24 through E-Portal Regarding.

Ref: INDENT No:RD/2023-24/IND0189

Deputy Commissioner of Chikkaballapura District, Karnataka, here by invites Re-tender in Two-Cover System through e-procurement portal for purchase of ""DRY FODDER" to supply to the drought affected Taluks in Chikkaballapura district as per their demand during 2023-24 through website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** The Tender Accepting Authority is Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura (Here after called as the Competent Authority).**Calendar of Events: Calendar of Events of this tender process is as follows: Event: (1)** Pre bid Meeting **Date:10.04.2024 by 11:30 AM, Venue:** Office of the Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Chikkaballapura. **(2)** Last date for Clarification of tender enquiries **Date:10.04.2024 by 5:00 PM, Venue:** O/o The Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Chikkaballapura. **(3)** Last date for Uploading of bids **Date:20.04.2024 by 5:30 PM, Venue:** e-procurement portal Government Karnataka. **(4)** Opening of technical bid (through online) **Date:23.04.2024 by 11:00 AM, Venue:** The Deputy Commissioner Chikkaballapur. **(5)** Opening of Commercial bid **Date:25.04.2024 by 11:00 AM, Venue:** Commercial bids of those tenderers who are successful in technical bid will only opened.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner,
Chikkaballapur District

DIPR/CHIKKABALLAPURA/RO.NO:01/KSMCA/2024-25

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice. No. SR-TVC-GSU-SNT/23-24/13 dated 05.04.2024

Chief Project Manager, Gari Shakti Unit, Southern Railway, Thiruvananthapuram Division, Thiruvananthapuram-14 for and on behalf of The President of India invites e-tenders for the following work.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Name of work
1	TVC-GSU-SNT-23-24-19	Strengthening and Expanding the hardware & Network Distribution System of Railnet network to field offices in ADSTE/TVC section of TVC Division.
2	TVC-GSU-SNT-23-24-20	Strengthening and Expanding the hardware & Network Distribution System of Railnet network to field offices in ADSTE/QLN section of TVC Division.
3	TVC-GSU-SNT-23-24-21	Strengthening and Expanding the hardware & Network Distribution System of Railnet network to field offices in DSTE/ERS section of TVC Division.
4	TVC-GSU-SNT-23-24-22	Replacement of mechanical gadgets and Replacement of over aged defective cables at LC gates in TVC Division.
5	TVC-GSU-SNT-23-24-23	Provision of Earth Leakage Detectors (ELD) at LC gate locations in TVC Division.

Sl.No.	Cash Value (Approx.) (Rs.Ps)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)	Last Date for Receipt of Tender	Completion period (in Months)
1.	1,64,06,750.16	2,32,000	29.04.2024 14.00 Hrs	08
2.	1,07,78,128.49	2,03,900	29.04.2024 14.00 Hrs	08
3.	1,15,49,169.90	2,07,800	29.04.2024 14.00 Hrs	08
4.	2,11,22,199.25	2,55,600	29.04.2004 14.00 Hrs	12
5.	28,89,961.91	57,800	29.04. 2024 14.00 Hrs	12

Complete details & tender document will be available at **www.irs.gov.in**

DSTE/GS/TVC

98% of pilots have signed the new contract, Vistara CEO Vinod Kannan on Saturday said. The airline hopes to stabilise operations for this month by this weekend.

Hybrids outpacing 'costly' EVs

Range anxiety and high upfront cost of electric vehicles remain big deterrent for many

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE popularity of hybrid vehicles in the domestic car market has seen a sharp surge over the past one year or so and a large section of consumers who were fence-sitting to buy an electric vehicle (EV) are now opting for a hybrid model.

"For long time, I was confused between Nexon EV and Grand Vitara SUV as my budget ranged between ₹18-23 lakh. After much thought, I decided to go for Grand Vitara strong hybrid model. It has more space, strong road presence and eliminates range anxiety -related concerns," said Aman Sharma, a Bengaluru-based IT sector employee.

Like Sharma, range anxiety and the high upfront cost of e-cars remain a deterrent for many to shift from internal combustion engine (ICE) to battery-powered vehicles. The surge in demand for hybrids after back-to-back launches by Toyota and Maruti Suzuki has given them a choice. In the past six months, passenger vehicles (PVs) with hybrid technology have outsold electric PVs. Hybrid vehicles sales stood at 52,500 units between October 2023 and April 2024 as against EV sales of 48,000 units during the same period.

For FY24, the gap between the two was 10,000 units. EV sales, despite new launches, fell short of 1 lakh mark at about 99,000 units while hybrids sold at about 89,500. The market share of hybrid vehicles in the 4.23 million Indian PV market rose from 0.5% in December 2022 to 2.1% in March 2024. The increased adoption of hybrids is not only limited to India. The US and China are also seeing a growing preference for hybrids, forcing big carmakers to rethink their aggressive EV transition. As per reports, US electric carmaker Tesla missed its delivery estimates for March quarter while hybrid car sales grew in double-digits.

Hybrids addressing shortcomings of EVs

A hybrid vehicle combines two or more different power sources, an internal combustion engine (usually gasoline) and an electric motor. These vehicles improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions by using the electric motor to assist engine during acceleration and to power the vehicle at low speeds, while the engine powers the vehicle at higher speeds and recharges the battery.

Shashank Srivastava, executive committee member of Maruti Suzuki India (MSIL), said the reason for slower adoption of EVs is the reason for faster adoption of hybrids. "The cost acquisition of EV is still high even as it has come down a bit. Electric sedans are priced at 1.6 to 1.7 times than its ICE counterpart. For SUVs, the ratio may be 1.35 to 1.45. It is pretty high and this is one big reason," he added. He said the second reason is range anxiety, which is always there among consumers. The fear of being left with a dying battery before reaching destination can be addressed by widespread charging infra.

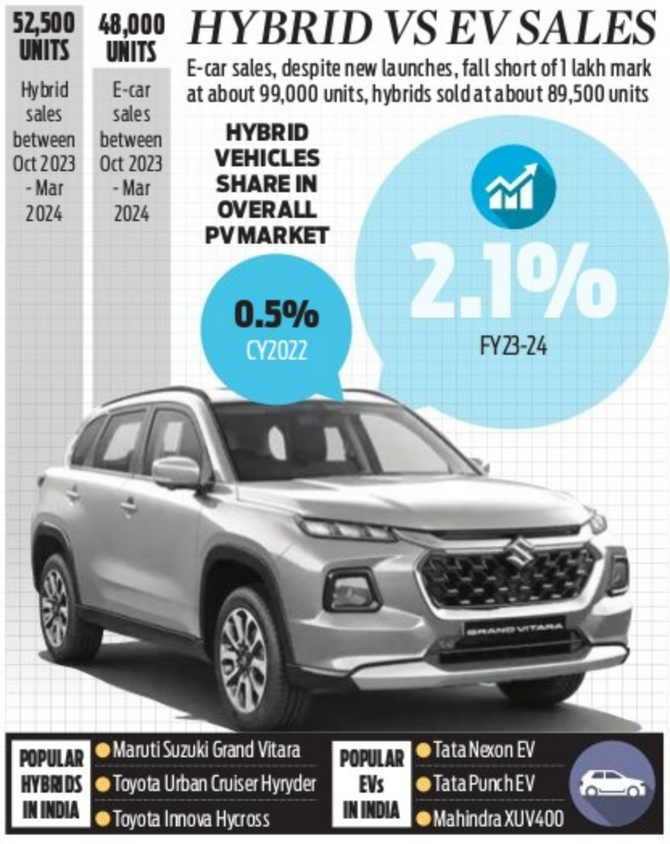
"Hybrids don't require charging...It runs on battery on urban cycle for nearly 40% of the time. The battery is being charged by the regenerative braking power and because it is done automatically, consumers don't have to charge," said Srivastava.

Hybrids to stay and thrive

Rohan Kanwar Gupta, vice-President & sector head, corporate ratings at ICRA, says hybrid cars are seen as an intermediate step in the ongoing transition to EVs, with range anxiety getting addressed, even as the upfront cost is also not that materially higher.

"As such, sales of hybrid cars have been outpacing electric car over the recent past; the same trend is expected to continue over near term, till a fall in battery prices and improved product launches lead to an acceleration in EV adoption," added Gupat.

ICRA estimates EV penetration in the PV segment to reach levels of 4-6% in FY25 and increase to levels of 15% by FY30. MSIL too expect by 2023 their powertrain mix will be 15% EVs, 25% hybrids and the balance 60% of mix of CNG, gasoline and other options.


HYBRID VS EV SALES
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HYBRID VEHICLES SHARE IN OVERALL PV MARKET
0.5% CY2022
2.1% FY23-24
POPULAR HYBRIDS IN INDIA
Maruti Suzuki Grand Vitara
Toyota Urban Cruiser Hyryder
Toyota Innova Hycross
POPULAR EVs IN INDIA
Tata Nexon EV
Tata Punch EV
Mahindra XUV400

NEWSCOPE

SLOW JOB MARKET NIXES INDIA'S GROWTH STORY

GURBIR SINGH

FOR India there are strong growth indicators. The World Bank has revised its projections for GDP growth to 7.5 percent for 2024, a whopping 1.2 percent above its earlier forecast. Coupled with a projection of 6.1 percent growth for 2025, India comes away as the fastest growing economy in South Asia over the next two years.

In tackling poverty too, NITI Aayog numbers indicate that nearly 25 crore people were lifted up from poverty since 2014, with 'multidimensional' poverty declining to 11.3 percent, from 29 percent a decade ago in 2014.

The Achilles heel however appears to be the growing unemployment and inequality. These speed bumps may cripple the country's transformation into a fully developed economy. In this context, a new World Bank report 'Jobs for Resilience',has been highlighted by the Financial Times. The daily points out the target of becoming a developed nation by 2047 – underlined by Prime Minister Narendra Modi – may remain a 'distant dream' without reforms to boost employment.

No-reform scenario

The World Bank's chief economist and author of the report, Franziska Ohnsorge,is quoted calling India a "no-reform scenario" where employment growth was exceptionally weak compared to other emerging markets and developing economies.

The report says the employment ratio in India declined by more than in any other south Asian country in the 2000-2022 period, with the exception of Nepal. 'Employment ratio' refers to the labour force currently employed against the total working-age population of a region.

"Employment growth has not kept pace with working-age population growth. The region (South Asia) employs only 59 percent of its working-age population compared with 70 percent in other emerging market and developing economies," says the foreword of the report.

Calling it a "missed opportunity", Ohnsorge said: "It's almost like the demographic dividend is being squandered." She was referring to the large youthful working age population that is a bonus for a country as compared to a very large ageing population which is non-productive and a drag on the economy.

It is indeed startling to learn from the UN's International Labour Organisation (ILO), from its India Employment Report 2024, that the youths in the total unemployed pool constituted a massive 83 percent. On the other hand, the size of the elderly is set to rise to over 20 percent of the population by 2050. The point is India has a relatively small window to reap the 'demographic dividend' before it enters the cycle of a ageing population.

A major reason for the slow growth in employment is the lack of investment by the private sector. In his foreword to the Resilience in Jobs' report,

Marting Raiser, VP-South Asia Region, points out: "More than elsewhere, growth momentum in South Asia has been driven by the public sector while private investment growth has been weak. Without a thriving private sector, job creation is likely to continue on a weaker path than in other emerging market and developing economies."

The latest data on private equity deals in India corroborates this. Private equity (PE) investments have fallen to a 6-year low at $24.2 billion in the financial year ending March 2024. Compared to the previous year 2022-23, investments through PE deals are down 47 percent compared to FY23, when deals worth $45.8 billion were signed. Among other reasons, geopolitical uncertainties and volatile conditions had reduced liquidity in the international markets.

Gig economy boom?

The World Bank Report, however, seems to suggest the shift to services and the growth of a large talent pool could provide the employment boost required for the country to turn the corner. "In the services sector, India's large, well-educated, young, and English-speaking workforce, coupled with a reliable digital infrastructure, has turned the country into a global leader in computer services and business process outsourcing and a global hub for medical services."

Anecdotal data from the hiring platform, Foundit, seems to support this view that India is witnessing a steep rise in 'gig employment' – a free market system in which temporary positions are common and organizations hire independent workers for short-term commitments. There was a rise of 184 percent in white-collar gig jobs this year compared to the previous year says Foundit.

However, casual employment cannot make up for sustained, long-term jobs, and current ground reports seem to point in the opposite direction. The post pandemic period has seen a crumbling of the start-up bastions especially in the edu-tech sector as risk investment has dried up.

These are some pointers that cannot be ignored. The crisis-ridden learning portal Byju's has recently shed 2,000 employees, as it struggles to pay salaries.Earlier, Paytm, hobbled by directions by the Reserve Bank to cease key operations, has been forced to retrench 20 percent of its staff at its banking unit.

Significantly, 36 percent of IIT Bombay's 2,000 graduates awaiting placements were not absorbed this year, and are still on the lookout for jobs. This is a slight increase of about 3 percent over the previous year. Though the IIT management has denied the findings of a Hindustan Times survey, there is no denying the job market for even the best equipped has turned sluggish.

JSW Energy raises ₹5K crore equity via QIP

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

JSW Energy has concluded a ₹5,000 crore qualified institutions placement (QIP), marking its first equity raise since its 2010 listing, the company said on Saturday. The QIP drew substantial interest from global investors, domestic mutual funds, and insurance companies.

The offering, oversubscribed by over 3.2 times, saw participation from major global asset managers like GQG, Blackrock, Nomura, Wellington, UBS, and Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA).The fundraising stands as the largest primary equity raise in power sector in the decade and among top three in the sector's history, the company claimed in a statement.

Sharad Mahendra, JSW Energy's joint MD and CEO, said, "India's strong investment cycle driven growth momentum bodes well for power demand outlook. The strong institutional investor interest reflects unwavering confidence in our positioning as a diversified energy transition platform focused on growing both the generation and storage businesses."

Vodafone Idea raises ₹2,075 cr from Aditya Birla Group firm

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

CASH-strapped Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL) on Saturday announced a capital infusion of ₹2,075 crore from its promoter Aditya Birla Group. The telecom service provider, in an exchange filing, said its board approved the issuance of preferential shares to the tune of ₹2,075 crore to Oriana Investments Pte. Ltd, an entity of Aditya Birla Group.

The preferential issue will involve issuing 1,395,427,034 new equity shares with a face value of ₹10 each at an issue price of ₹14.87 per share (including a premium of ₹4.87). The relevant date for determining the floor price for this preferential issue, as per SEBI regulations, is April 8, 2024.

Vodafone Idea has also approved an increase in the company's authorized share capital from ₹75,000 crore to ₹1 lakh crore. This move provides VIL with more headroom for future fundraising, if needed.

The company will seek shareholders' approval for both the preferential issue and the hike in authorised share capital on May 8, 2024. VIL, the loss-making joint venture between the UK's Vodafone Plc and India's Aditya Birla Group, has been struggling to raise funds for over three years now.

Wipro CEO Delaporte resigns; Srinivas Pallia to succeed as chief executive

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ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

IT major Wipro has appointed Srinivas Pallia *(pic)* as the CEO and MD as Thierry Delaporte has resigned after serving the company for nearly four years. Pallia will be based in New Jersey and report to Chairman Rishad Premji.

In a BSE filing, Wipro said the board of directors noted the resignation of Delaporte with effect from April 6 and he will be relieved from the employment of the company with effect from the close of business hours on May 31, 2024. He is stepping down to pursue passions outside the workforce.

At their meeting held on Saturday, the board of directors has approved the appointment of Pallia with effect from April 7, 2024, for a period of five years.

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Talking about succession planning during the third quarter earnings, he had said, "It is my responsibility to make sure that we are building proper succession planning." For the past four to five months, there have been reports that Wipro has been nurturing internal talent for the CEO role.

Pallia has been with Wipro for over three decades and most recently served as the CEO for Americas 1, the company's biggest and fastest growing strategic market. He is also a member of the Wipro Executive Board.

Business & Beyond

CLW will convert old WAP-5 locos into Push-Pull pairs for hauling Amrit Bharat trains

In 2024-25, CLW will convert old WAP-5 locos into Push-Pull pairs for hauling Amrit Bharat trains. For the first time, locomotives will be equipped with EP Assist brake control.It will help in quick communication of brake apply and brake release commands from locomotive to coaches. Signal propagation will be instantaneous.

Benefits will be

1) Uniform & faster brake application throughout the train 2) Reduced and even coupler forces throughout the train 3) Reduction in braking distance 4) Reduction in release time

As per last trial done by RDSO with WAP-4 single loco and 21 LHB coaches, full service braking distance at 130 kmph was 1444 mtr (without EP assist) and 1106 mtr with EP- assist ON.

Nalco sets mew records in production, sales

Bhubaneswar: National Aluminium Company (NALCO), flagship Navratna CPSE under Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India, and country's leading manufacturer and exporter of alumina and aluminium has created new records in production and sales for the year 2023-24. It has achieved the highest-ever cast metal production of 4,63,428 Metric tonne (MT), highest-ever bauxite excavation of 76,00,230 MT and highest-ever metal sale of 4,70,108 MT, surpassing previous records since inception. In FY 23-24, it has added a new aluminium alloy ingot (AL-59) to its product range. Achieving 101.15 % capacity utilization, NALCO's Alumina Refinery has produced 21,24,000 MT of Alumina Hydrate.

South Eastern Railway completes FY2023-24 with record freight loading of 211.6 MT

With the consistent trend of registering outstanding performance, South Eastern Railway has completed the financial year 2023-24 with a record freight loading of 211.59 Million Tonnes. This is the highest ever freight loading performance of South Eastern Railway. In comparison to the previous year, SER has registered a growth of 4.43% in originating freight loading. Revenue generation from freight loading during 2023-24 has also been highest ever. In 2023-24, SER has earned Rs.19,053 Crore from originating freight traffic as against Rs.18,225.47 crore earned in 2022-23 registering a growth of 4.54%. Coal loading during the financial year 2023-24 has been 53.33 Million Tonnes which is 3.28% more than that of the previous year.

Bigger Brighter Bhima unveiled in Kozhikode

The Bigger Brighter Bhima has been unveiled at Mavoor Road, Kozhikode. The showroom was inaugurated by Sri. Athmanand Ravankar in the presence of Bhima Chairman Sri. B Girirajan, Managing Director Sri. Balachandra Kiran, and Director Sri. Hrishikesh. One of the main attractions of this new showroom is the Zamorin's Court, a separate section for exclusive jewellery with an in-house designer available for special consultation. The new showroom has a wide variety of jewellery collections - wedding jewellery, solitaire, traditional jewellery, lightweight, etc. Offering an unforgettable shopping experience across two floors, Bhima's new large showroom is located at Kottooli.

New regional head of Union Bank Berhampur

Berhampur: Banshidhar Tripathy has joined as the new Regional Head of Union Bank of India, Berhampur Region, Berhampur. Prior to this, he was working as Deputy Regional Head under Kanpur Region. Sri Tripathy joined the bank in 2009, has 15 years of vast working experience in various functional capacities in different places in Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Pune, Rajkot and Kanpur. Berhampur Region is having 63 branches covering Ganjam, Boudh, Nayagarh and Kandhamal districts with business mix of 6,436.00 Crores. During his tenure as Regional head in Berhampur Region, Sri Tripathy is likely to give more emphasis on digitization and Credit.

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RAJMAHAL VILAS EXTENSION BRANCH
No:13/530, Uma Complex, New BEL Road, Near Devasandra Circle, RMV II Stage, Bengaluru-560094

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sec. 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas at the request of you, (below mentioned borrowers/guarantors) **Indian Bank, Raj Mahal Vilas Extn Branch** has granted credit facilities from time to time by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of properties mortgaged by you by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the bank are mentioned here under. As you have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank, the below mentioned loan accounts have been classified as Non performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. As the demand notices sent to you by Registered Post calling upon you to discharge the debt due to Bank were returned, unserved, we are issuing this notice through paper publication.

Name of the Borrower: Borrowers: 1. Mr.G.V Jagadish (Borrower) S/o.Y Venkata Reddy, No.182, Anjanapura, Amrutnagar Main Road, Konanakunte Bangalore. **2. Mrs. Roopa Jagadish (Co-Borrower) W/o. Mr. G.V Jagadish,** No.182, Anjanapura, Amrutnagar Main Road, Konanakunte Bangalore. **Date of NPA on 09.03.2024**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.2,65,070/- as on 19.03.2024 + further Interest and other Charges
Mortgaged Assets: All that piece and parcel of immovable property Site no. 54, Property 55/2, BDA Layout, 60ft road, Anjanapura, BDA 5th G Block, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru-560062 Measuring: East to West : 45ft ::North to South: 40ft Total 1800 sq ft **Bounded on:** East by: 60ft BDA Main Road, West by: Site No.53, North by: Site No.43 and South by: Site No.Road.

If you fail to repay the above mentioned amount due by you with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deem necessary under any other Provisions of Law.

Date: 20/03/2024, Place: Bangalore **Authorised Officer, Indian Bank**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Karnataka Government Secretariat, Vikasa Soudha,
Bengaluru, Dated: 06-04-2024
No: DOH 28 RERA 2024

NOTIFICATION

The detailed notification inviting applications from eligible persons for the post of One Judicial Member of the Karnataka Real Estate Appellate Tribunal is posted on the RERA website www.rera.karnataka.gov.in.

Interested persons may apply by 06.05.2024 till 5.00 P.M.

By order and in the name of the
Governor of Karnataka
(NAVEEN RAJ SINGH)
Principal Secretary to Government, Housing Department

Government of Karnataka
DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE
Karnataka State Horticulture Mission Agency
Office of the Mission Director, Lalbagh, Bangalore.
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Corrigendum for DH-NHMONHMT/11/2024/AHO 1/ 1338119 Dated: 15.03.2024

CORRIGENDUM

1. General Instruction: 16. Sizes of pond approved under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikasa Yojane (RKVY) Schems for Individual/Community Water Harvesting Structure/ Water Storage structure is given below

Sl. No.	Component	Size (meters)	Capacity (in CMT)	Scheme
1.	Individual Water Storage structure	20X20X3	1200	NHM
2.	Community Water Storage structure	45X45X3	6000	
3.	Community Water Storage structure	52X52X3	8000	
4.	Individual/Community Water Harvesting Structure/ Water Storage structure	29X29x3	2500	RKVY
5.	Individual/Community Water Harvesting Structure/ Water Storage structure	39X39X3	4500	
6.	Individual/Community Water Harvesting Structure/ Water Storage structure	47X47X3	6500	
7.	Individual/Community Water Harvesting Structure / Water Storage structure	55X55X3	9000	

II. The Polythene Sheet Specification is as per BIS Standard and CIPET or BIS approved laboratories certified documents may be uploaded.

Sd/-
Executive Director
KSHMA, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/10/2024-25

AXIS BANK Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

POSSESSION NOTICE

See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Axis Bank Ltd.,** under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgagors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on below mentioned dates.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors in particular and the Public in General are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charges of the **Axis Bank Ltd.,** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mrs. Vijaya C R, D/o Ramakrishna, Kavanapura Kailancha, Near Govt Primary School, Lakkojanahalli, Ramanagara 562159. **Also At : Mrs. Vijaya C R** D/o Ramakrishna, Propritor, Sri Veerabhadraswamy, Traders, Kanakapura Main Road, Near Indian Oil Petrol Bunk, Ramanagara 562159. **2) Mr. Venkatesha,** S/o Marivenkataiah, Kavanapura Kailancha, Near Govt Primary School, Lakkojanahalli, Ramanagara 562159.
Loan A/c No : PHR000907186659
Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 6,39,897 /- (Rupees Six Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Seven Only) being the amount due as on **18.04.2023** and interest thereon.
Demand Notice Dated : 18.04.2023 **Possession Notice Dated : 06.04.2024**
Details of mortgaged property: SCHEDULE : All That Piece and Parcel Of the the Land No 17648 1152900401500620142 Kavanpura Village Kailancha Gramapanchayat Kailancha Hobli Ramanagar 562138 together with all the building and structrues thereon fixtures fittings and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth both present and future and Bounded by: East by : Property Belongs To Chanappa, West by: Property Belongs To Deshilingaiah, North by: Road, South by: Channapa Property.
For any clarification please contact Mr. Sudarshan 9620703099

2. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) Mr. K M Sudhakar S/o D Madaiah, #421/1, Negelu Nilaya, 6th Cross, Mahadeshwara Nagara, Kanaka Nagara, Near Ganesh Temple, Channapattana, Ramanagara 562160. **Also At: Mr. K M Sudhakar** S/o D Madaiah Propritor, Sri Mahadeshwara Enterprises, Near Ganesh Temple, Mahadeshwara Nagara, Channapattna Ramanagara 562160. **2) Mrs. Rakshitha M A** D/o AnkeGowda, #421/1, Negelu Nilaya, 6th Cross, Mahadeshwara Nagara, Kanaka Nagara, Near Ganesh Temple, Channapattana, Ramanagara 562160. **Also At: Mrs. Rakshita M A** D/o AnkeGowda, Kodambahalli Village, Virupakshapura, Near Canara Bank, Channapattana, Ramanagara 562160.
Loan A/c No : PHR000904351617
Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.8,05,048 /- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Five Thousand Forty Eight Only) being the amount due as on **27.02.2023** and interest thereon.
Demand Notice Dated : 27.02.2023 **Possession Notice Dated : 06.04.2024**
Description Of Mortgaged Property : SCHEDULE : All That Piece and Parcel Of the Land No 582, KHB Colony Managalwarpet channapattana Ramanagara 562160 together with all buildings and structures thereon fixtures and fittings and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanentely fastened to anything attached to the earth both present and future and Bounded as follows : East by : Site No 581, West by: Site No 583, North by: Site No 595 & 596, South by: Road.
For Further clarification please contact Mr Thrimoorthy 9036773553

3. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1.Mr. Aseem Azhar, S/o KM Abbas Ahmed, #1582/a, 14/23, Sathnur Road, Old LIC Road, Siraj colony, Ramanagar (D), Near Ramesh Babu Hospital, Channapatna – 562160. **And also at: Mr. Aseem Azhar,** SFN wooden handicraft, sales executive, #858/4, Madeena road, Edigara beedi daira, Ramanagar (D), near Ramesh babu Hospital, Channapatna – 562160. **2) Mrs. Syeda Doulath Bano,** #1582/a, 14/23, Sathnur Road, Old LIC Road, Siraj Colony, Ramanagar (D), Near Ramesh Babu Hospital, Channapatna – 562160.
Loan A/c No : PHR000904706919
Total amount mentioned in the notice : amount Rs.11,28,052.00/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand And Fifty Two Only) being the amount due as on **19.04.2022** and interest thereon.
Demand Notice Dated : 22.04.2022 **Possession Notice Dated : 06.04.2024**
Description Of Mortgaged Property : SCHEDULE : All that piece and parcel of Municipal Door No. 1582/1 to 14:23, Municipal Katha No. 1791/23, Sathnur Road, Ward No. 26, Municipal B Division, Channapatna Town, Ramanagara Taluk, admeasuring East to West: 30ft, and North to South: 39ft, together with building standing thereon and the property is bounded as follows: East by: Site bearing no.11, West by: Site bearing no.13 owned by Asthma Jahan, North by : Site bearing nos. 27 & 28, South by: 17 Ft Road
For any clarification please contact Mr. Raghunath at 919886960484

Date : 06.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Axis Bank**

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CHETPUT BRANCH

812, Periyar EVR High Road, Chetput, Chennai - 600 010.
Telephone : 044-26425711 & 26411562. email : chetput@indianbank.co.in

APPENDIX IV-A [See Proviso to rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **symbolic** possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Chetput Branch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"** on **23.04.2024**, for recovery of **Rs.13,29,49,329/- (Rupees Thirteen crores twenty nine lakhs forty nine thousand three hundred and twenty nine only) (as on 03.04.2024)** with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon from 04.04.2024, due to the Indian Bank, Chetput Branch, Secured Creditor from :

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWER / GUARANTOR (1) M/s. Sri Nandhi Agro Food, (Borrower), Represented by its Partners : Mr. S. Kamal, Mr. V R Pradeep & Ms. K B Lavanyaa, Registered Office : No.7 & 8, Amudha Illam, Vivekanandha Nagar, Ranga Garden, Kolathur, Chennai - 600 099, **Also at (Factory/ Plant) :** S. No.17-2B, 17-2A, Karepakam Village, Varadaiahpalem Mandalam, Chittor District. **(2) Mr. S. Kamal, (Partner/Guarantor),** S/o Mr. Selvamani, No.7 & 8, Amudha Illam, Vivekanandha Nagar, Ranga Garden, Kolathur, Chennai - 600 099. **(3) Mr. V R Pradeep, (Partner/Guarantor/Mortgagor),** S/o Mr. V. Ramesh Krishna, No.B-43, Karthikeyan Salai, Periyar Nagar, Chennai - 600 082, **(4) Ms. K B Lavanyaa, (Partner/Guarantor/ Mortgagor),** W/o Mr. K S Badrinath, No.10, Tenth Main Road, Third Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore South, Karnataka - 560 011.

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below :

Property 1 - Mortgaged Assets belongs to M/s. Sri Nandhi Agro Food - Item No.I : EM over factory / industrial land and building comprised in S. Nos.17-2A of Karepakkam Village, Varadaiahpalem Mandal, Chittoor District with land an extent of Ac. 2.00 Cents belonging to Kamireddy Suresh Reddy, S/o Subramanyam Reddy situated within the Sathyavedu Sub Registration, Registration District of Chittoor District. **Item No.II :** EM over vacant land with an extent of Ac. 1.55 Cents or 0.626 Hectares of land in Sy. No.17-2B of Karepakkam village, Varadaiahpalem Mandal, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh owned by Sri. Kapuluru Subramanyam Reddy, S/o Late Chinni Krishna Reddy the Sathyavedu Sub Registration, Registration District of Chittoor District. **Prior Encumbrances on property : Nil. PROPERTY ID No. : IDIB7123244868A. Hypothecated Assets :** Machinery and Equipments installed at Rice Mill located at M/s. Sri Nandhi Agro Food, S. No.17-2B, 17-2A, Karepakkam Village, Varadhapalem Mandal, Chitoor District. (Existing machinery plus new machinery purchased).

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.434.16 Lakhs	Bid increment : Rs.10,000/-	EMD : Rs.43.41 Lakhs

(Mortgaged Assets : Rs.250.00 Lakhs and Hypothecated Assets : Rs.184.16 Lakhs)
****GST and other statutory dues applicable as per rules.**

Property 2 - Mortgaged Assets belongs to Mr. V R Pradeep, S/o Mr. V. Ramesh Krishna and Ms K B Lavanyaa, W/o Mr. K S Badrinath : EM of commercial land and building comprised in Old S. No.798/2, as per TSLR, New T.S. No.25 of Block No.21, measuring an extent of 15788 Sq. ft. as per Document (13036 Sq. ft. as per Patta) situated at Chennai District, Madhavaram Taluk, Madhavaram Village, Madhavaram Township, bearing Door No.109, G.N.T. Road, Ponniamman Medu, Chennai - 600 110 and within the Registration District of Chennai North and Sub-Registration District of Madhavaram. **Prior Encumbrances on property : Nil. PROPERTY ID No. : IDIB7123244868B**

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.1050.00 Lakhs	Bid increment : Rs.10,000/-	EMD : Rs.50.00 Lakhs

Date and Time of Inspection of the Properties & related documents :
15.04.2024 to 16.04.2024 between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

DATE AND TIME OF E-AUCTION : 23.04.2024 FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 4.00 P.M.

Last Date and Time for submission of Tender form with KYC Documents : 18.04.2024 upto 7.00 p.m.
Last Date to transfer the EMD amount in Global EMD Wallet : 22.04.2024

Bidders are advised to visit the website **(www.mstcecommerce.com)** of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELP DESK No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact **ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com** and for EMD status please contact **ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com.**
For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit : **https://ibapi.in** and for clarifications related to this portal please contact help line number '18001025026' and '011-41106131'.
Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with **https://ibapi.in** and **www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi.**

Date : 03.04.2024 **AUTHORISED OFFICER,**
Place : Chennai **INDIAN BANK.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that my clients, are intending to purchase the entire Property bearing No:61 (earlier site No:61 carved out of land in Sy.No:32 of Marenahalli Village, Sarakki Layout, Bangalore, formed by Bangalore Development Authority for the Schedule Caste (Harijan) House Building Co-operative Society Ltd.), presently situated at SC Harijan HBCS (Sy.No:32), Marenahalli, Second Phase, JP Nagar, Bangalore, within the limits and administration of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, Ward No:177 – JP Nagar (old Ward No:57), PID No:57-333-61, together with ground and three upper floor structures standing thereon and bounded on the East By: Property bearing Site No:60; West By: 30ft. Road; North By : 30ft. Road; South By : Property bearing Site No:62; Measuring East to West: 36ft. on the Northern Side, 30ft. on the Southern Side; North to South : 40ft. on the Eastern Side, 42ft. on the Western Side; In all ad measuring : 1,353 Sq.Ft., from its co-owners i)Sri.Babu K, son of Late M Krishnappa, No:57/2, First Cross, Second Main, Fourth Phase, JP nagar, Dollars Colony, Bangalore – 560 078, ii) Sri.M L Sheshadri, son of Sri.Lingappa Gowda, residing at No:19, Twentieth Main, Tunga Road, Nineteenth Cross, SMS Garden, Fifth Phase, JP Nagar, Bangalore – 560 078, iii)Sri.D K Murthy, son of Sri.K Narasimaiah, residing at No:201, Twenty Second Cross, Sixteenth Main, Oak Village, Fifth Phase, JP Nagar, Bangalore – 560 078 and iv) Sri.Ravi Kumar, son of Sri.basavegowda, residing at No:40, First Floor, Third C Main, Ninth Cross, First Phase, JP Nagar, Bangalore – 560 078;

Any, person, having any claim over the above property claiming through the Schedule Caste (Harijan) House Building Co-operative Society Ltd. and/or any other person/s representing as the predecessors in title and/or any person claiming under them or as Agreement Holders and/or Power of Attorney Holder and/or institutions and/or otherwise, any other person in any manner whatsoever, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within Seven (07) days hereof, failing which my clients will proceed to conclude the Sale Transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my clients;

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Rule- 8 (1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **11.01.2024** calling upon the Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors **M/s. Ask Renewables,** No.50, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main, 5th 'A' Cross, Coconut Garden, Bengaluru-560072. **2) Mrs. Nayana Hegde,** W/o Nitin N Hebbar, No.10144, Sobha Aspire, Nagasandra Village, Tumkur Road, Bengaluru-560073. **3) Mrs. Swapna Kalanji,** W/o Yogeshwara Hebbar, No.9, Venkateshwara Nilaya, Anantashayana Nagar, Laggere, Bengaluru-560058. **4) Mrs. Manuja G** W/o Ravikumar S M, No.50, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main, 5th A Cross, Coconut Garden, Near Nagarabhavi Circle, Bengaluru-560072. **5) Mr. Lakshmipathy** S/o Gopalappa, No.27, 10th Cross, 9th Main, Hennur, Maruthi Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru-560043. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.3,65,53,490.16** and interest from **08.01.2024** (Rupees **Three Crore Sixty Five Lakh Fifty Three Thousand and Four Hundred Ninety and Paisa Sixteen Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **04th day of April of the year 2024.**

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs.3,65,53,490.16** and further interest from **08.01.2024,** cost, etc. thereon.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property: Property owner by : Mr. Lakshmipathy
All that part and parcel of the property bearing No.27, Khatha No.528, Assessment No.42, measuring East to West : 56 feet and North to South : 50 feet in all 2800 sq. ft. with RCC Roofed residential bulding situated at Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk-560043, presently comes under BBMP ward No.24, BBMP Khatha No.488/528/42/27 and bounded: On the North by : Sri Munegowda's Property, On the South by : Sri Manjunatha's Property, On the East by : 40 feet Road, On the West by : Sri Kodandappa's Property.

Date : 04.04.2024 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place :Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	John Pinto Sabastine/ Joyce Geetha/ LBBNG00001843120	Schedule of Property All The Part and Parcel of The House of Dimensions Bearing: House No. 3EM-342, 3rd 'e' Main Road, Old Madras Road, Banaswadi Road Extn, Ombr Layout, Bangalore- 560043, Bmp Ward No 84, Pid No.84-149-3em-342, Coming Under Jurisdiction of BBMP, Measuring East to West: 30 Feet and North to South: 20 Feet, In All Measuring 600 Sft., Altogether With All Appurtenances Whatsoever Whether Underneath or Above The Surface and Bounded. East By: Site No. 4M 341, West By: 3rd 'e' Main Road, North By: Site No. 3EM-344, South By: Site No. 3EM-340. The Schedule Property Consists of 5 Squares of R.C.C. Roofed House in Ground Floor And 5 Squares of R.C.C. Roofed House in First Floor, Doors and Windows Are Made With Honne Wood, Mosaic Flooring, With All Types of Basic Amenities/ Date of Symbolic Possession on 05/04/2024.	19.01.2024 Rs. 20,00,158.00/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: April 06, 2024 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **ICICI Bank Limited**

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ESTD: 1907

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Office: 26678572 : 26600512:26609066, Tele Fax: (080)26617980

(Rule 8 (1) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property) (Symbolically)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of **The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers /legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers /legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule.
The borrowers / legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18.**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sl.No.	Name of the Loanee	Balance Outstanding	Particulars of Immovable Property & Measurement
SANJAYANAGAR BRANCH			
01	Sri. Noorulla Khan	Demand Notice Dated : 16.10.2023 Possession Notice Dated: 05.04.2024 Balance outstanding: Rs. 1,50,01,878/- as on : 05.04.2024	**1st Schedule Property & Measurement :-** New No. 24, Old No. 22 , Sultanji Gunta Road, BBMP Ward No. 79 of Shivajinagar, PID No. 79-83-24, Bengaluru. **Measuring: East to West : 37 feet & North to South : 17.5 feet** **East by :** Sultanji Gunta Road, **West by :** M No. 4th Street **North by :** Private property **South by :** Private property **2nd Schedule Property & Measurement :-** No.15, Dhana Kotti Lane, BBMP Ward No. 79 of Shivajinagar, PID No. 79-70-15, Bengaluru. **Measuring: East : 30 feet , West : 30 feet , North : 34.6 , South : 34.6 feet** **East by :** Dhanakoti Lane, **West by :** Premises No 77 (formerly 68) Sultanji Gunta Road **North by :** Premises old no. 12 & New No. 16 Dhanakoti Lane **South by :** Corporation Old No. 14 & New No. 14/A, Dhanakoti Lane.

Date: 06.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd.,**

Punjab & Sind Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Branch Office: Chickpet Area Branch,
678-679, S.B. Market Lane, Bangaluru-560053.
Ph : 080-22267476, 22269355, E-mail : b0348@psb.co.in.

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Notice u/s 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002, Rule 8(1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002

Whereas the under signed being Authorized officer of Punjab & Sind Bank under the SARFAESI ACT 2002 in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rules 9 of the security interest (enforcement) rules, 2002 issued demand notice under section 13(2) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount and inclusive of Interest plus interest and charges mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantors/Title Holder/Mortgagers and the Public in general that the undersigned the Authorized officer has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said act read with relevant rules.
The Borrowers/guarantors in particular and the Public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the PUNJAB & SIND BANK, Mysore Branch, Mysore-570004 for an amount inclusive of Interest plus interest and charges w.e.f till the date of realization.

SL No	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgager(s)	Date of Demand Notice / Possession & Amount Due	DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
1	**1. M/s V N R Enterprises having regd.** Address at 1509/A, 27th Cross, 25th Main, Banashankari, 2nd Stage Bengaluru-560070 and partners **2. Mr. K. Guruprasad** Resident of No. 202, 2nd floor , Sri Harmony Ankappa Layout , Uttarhalli , Bengaluru 560061 and **3. Mr. K B Rajesh** Resident of No. 112, 11th Main Jayanagar Bengaluru-560041 currently residing at No. 680, 45th Cross Jayanagar 8th block Bengaluru.	**05.12.2023** **05.04.2024** **1. Rs. 68,36,330.66 Interest up to 30.11.2023 plus interest and charges w.e.f 01.12.2023** **2. Rs.71,12,068.81 Interest up to 31.03.2024 plus interest and charges w.e.f 01.04.2024**	All that piece and parcel of residential Sites bearing no: 2,3,4 having BBMP Khatha No.670/ 395/ 100/ 4/ 2/3/4, converted by Deputy Commissioner in order no BDS/ALN/SR/(NA) 169-1994-95 DTD 14-09-1994, situated at Kogilu village, YelahankaHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently situated at Mittaganahalli Road, Bangalore 560064 measuring North to South 90 feet, East to West 40 feet and in total 3600 Square feet and bounded on : **East by :** Narasinga Rao's property, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Road and **South by :** Site No.1.
2	**1. Mr. Shishir Shivram Bhatkal S/o Mr. Shivram Bhatkal & Mrs. Parvathi W/o Mr. Shishir Shivram Bhatkal** Residing at No. 415/B-4, 20th Main, 1st Block, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore – 560010 and **C/o Shivamurthya,** No. 117, 1st Stage , 1st Phase , 3rd A Main Road, Manjunathanagar WOC Road, Banglore North 560010.	**31.01.2024** **04.04.2024** **1. Rs. 22,26,404.12 Interest up to 30.01.2024 plus interest and charges w.e.f 31.01.2024** **2. Rs.22,64,045.88 Interest up to 31.03.2024 plus interest and charges w.e.f 01.04.2024**	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing site No. 03 in the layout formed by the government in Sy. No. 30 and 31 of Saneguruvanahalli village Yeswanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes within the jurisdiction of BBMP ward No. 74, Bangalore and having Municipal Number 3, PID No. 16-67-3 situated at 1st cross, 1st main, Kamalanagar Bangalore 560079, measuring East to West 17 feet, North to South 39 feet totally measuring 663 sq.ft together with existing building thereon and bounded on : **East by :** Property belonging to Mannobai, **West by :** Property belonging to Nagaraj, **North by :** Road and **South by :** Private Property.

Date : 06.04.2024 **Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Punjab & Sind Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client Sri. M. B. RAVISHANKAR, residing at No.1130, 5th Main, 1st 'A' Block, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru – 560010, intends to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner M/s. R. Subbaiah Setty Son & Co. represented by its Partners Sri.Srivaaru N Kumar and Smt.Vasavi Kumar. If any persons having any objections to purchase the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and claims before the undersigned or my client, along with supporting documents within 15 days from the date of this publication, and the objection and claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client and not entertained and will proceed to purchase the Schedule property as there are no objections claims and is free from all encumbrance. Later no claims will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Northern Portion of the Property bearing New Municipal No.24/2, PID No.9-64-24/2, Ward No.66-Subramanyanagar, situated at 1st Main Road, 'E' Block, Subramanyanagar, (formerly 80 feet Main Road, Rajajinagar II Stage), Bengaluru – 560010, measuring East to West 35 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1050 Sq. feet, and bounded on East by : 1st Main Road, West by: Dr. Rajkumar Road (80 feet Road), North by: Site belonging to Sri.H.A.Prasad, South by: Remaining Portion of Schedule 'A' Property.

KEERTHI PRASAD D C, ADVOCATE
DC & DC ASSOCIATES,
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(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties)

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged /charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Canara Bank, Ramanagara Branch, Ramanagara-562159 of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** on **23.04.2024** for recovery of **Rs.28,64,291.02 (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety One and Two Paisa Only)** together with further interest, costs and expenses due to **Canara Bank, Ramanagara Branch, Ramanagara-562159** of Canara Bank with **05.04.2024** further interest as applicable from **Borrower : M/s. Anas Silk Traders,** No.13 Mahaboob Nagar Road, Block 2, Hosahalli Bayalu, Ramanagara, Karnataka-562159. **Properioter: Sri. Mohammed Sadath** S/o Mohammed Gulab, Door No .1143, Ward No18, 1st Cross, Abubakar Masjid, Phool Bagh, Ramanagara, Karnataka - 562159.

Property Details	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Auction Date/time
Property Comes Under Municipal Limit. Katha No.315/274/1291/1200, PID No: 19-2-11-13, Property No.13, Mahaboob Nagara Road, Block 2, Ward No.19, Hosahalli Bayalu, Ramanagara Town And District - 562159. Extent: East To West 30 Feet, North To South-40 Feet & Total Extent of the Property - 1200 Sq.feet. Boundaries: East Anajaneya Swamy Temple, West - Property of Mohammed Imdad in Same Katha No., North - Property of Azeez Khan & South-municipal Road.	**Rs. 56,65,199.00 (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Nine Only)**	**Rs.5,67,000.00 (Rupees Five Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand only)**	**23.04.2024 11.30 am to 12.30 pm**

The incremental value of the properties in multiplies of **Rs. 50,000/-**
The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **22.04.2024 - 4.00 PM.**
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.canarabank.com/ english/announcements/sale-notice/karnataka/** provided on the Secured Creditors' Website i.e **www.canarabank.com.** or may contact Manager to **CANARA BANK, RAMANAGARA BRANCH, RAMANAGARA- 562159, Ph. No. 9986727102** during office hours on any working day.

Date : 06.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorised officer**
Place: Ramanagara **Canara Bank**

Verstappen grabs pole in Japan for Red Bull one-two

Triple world champion Max Verstappen said his performance "wasn't ideal" but still good enough to grab pole position for Sunday's Japanese Grand Prix ahead of Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez. Verstappen clocked a fastest lap of 1min 28.197sec in qualifying at Suzuka — just 0.066sec ahead of the Mexican for a Red Bull one-two.

With the increasing trend of batters, especially young uncapped Indians, taking to six-hitting like fish to sea, **Swaroop Swaminathan and Gomesh S** take a deep dive to understand the trend, the reasons for it and how they have been able to do that...

A NEW ERA FOR SIX-HITTING

Sunday Special

THE sheer thrill of a six has remained undiminished. Sure, there's a separate fanbase for an inswinging yorker breaching through the batter's defences before hitting the stumps. But, geez, the six. Pure theatre whether it's book cricket, inside the confines of your bedroom, gully cricket or at the elite level in front of 50,000 people. It's the ultimate expression of hedonism with a bat. A batter's wet dream.

In this year's Indian Premier League (IPL), that dream has played itself on an endless loop. After the 18th match — aptly decided by a straight six by Nitish Kumar Reddy — 326 maximums have been struck. You extrapolate that figure across the 74 games and you get 1332 sixes, 208 better than the previous best of 1124 in 2023 which also had the same number of matches.

This isn't just to say that the league is witnessing more number of sixes than before. In fact, as soon as the league expanded to 10 teams, it was a given. But it's that the league is seeing sixes being hit at an unprecedented (perhaps even unsustainable) rate.

The numbers back this. In the league's inaugural edition in 2008, teams, on average, hit one six every 3.3 overs (20.95 balls to be exact). This figure has gone up (it was once every 2.4 overs in 2018) or gone down (3.2 overs in 2021). Over the last three years, though, six-hitting has been weaponized on an industrial scale. In 2024, it has never been better. Teams are hitting one six every 12.9 deliveries. It's an improvement of 2.3 balls over the previous best of 15.3 in 2023. Six-hitting's own Anthropocene may be here.

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Basketball and football (arguably two of the most popular team sports across the planet) had an awakening a few years ago. In the former, teams figured out that it would make sense to attempt more three-pointers. It's now called the '3-point revolution'.

In the latter, a new metric — xG (Expected Goals) — came into the limelight 3-4 years ago. It's now one of the most critical data points in the sport (it is basically a metric that's tailored to inform how many goals a team would have normally scored over a match after taking into account the quality of chances they had).

Similarly, T20s also underwent a silent data revolution. Teams that hit more boundaries across 20 overs generally win. Even across boundaries, there is a split. Six-hitting teams tend to win more games.

Sankar Rajagopal, who used to work as a R&D Consultant and Analyst at Punjab Kings explains. "There was a data point in basketball where three-pointers were leading to more wins than two-pointers," Rajagopal, who now works as Creative Director at Viacom18 Media, said. "Cause and effect. That data point change happened in cricket a few years ago when analysts figured that more boundaries meant you were winning more matches."

When the shortest format first caught fire one-and-a-half decades ago, six-hitting as art was still in its infancy. Theories such as dot-ball minimisation were still the way to go. In 2024, all the available evidence points towards the primacy of boundary-hitting as the sport's greatest currency.

Rajagopal illustrated this. "Data now suggests that 80% of the matches are won by teams scoring more boundaries. Dot ball minimisations was about 30%."

Dan Weston, an analyst who worked with the Punjab team in the 2022 mega-auctions in, is even more intimate. "I remember when I went on to the 2022 mega auctions, it was hard to find batters who played with a high tempo," he said. "You can see why a player like Manish Pandey has gone to so many teams because people kind of realise that maybe his style of players aren't really what they look for. But they have had to go down that road a little because of a lack of availability. They had no real choice (that's why they kept going back to players with a skill set that matched Manish's). I found that it was a major problem."

Riyan Parag | SPORTZPICS

The changing nature of the leading six-hitters in the league over the last three years

Year	Name	Balls/six	4s/6
2022	Buttler	12.86	1.84
	Livingstone	7.05	0.85
	Russell	6	0.56
	Rahul	15.16	1.5
	Samson	12	1.65
2023	Du Plessis	13.19	1.66
	Dube	7.54	0.34
	Gill	17.09	2.57
	Maxwell	7.03	0.93
	Gaikwad	13.33	1.53
2024*	Klassen	5.43	0.35
	Abhishek	4.93	0.8
	Narine	5.41	0.75
	Pooran	6.91	0.66
	Parag	9.41	1.08

* Until CSK vs SRH on Friday

That no longer seems to be the case. Out of all the batters who have hit a minimum of five sixes so far in this edition, four are uncapped Indian batters (Abhishek Sharma, Riyan Parag, Shashank Singh and Prabhsimran Singh). Abhishek, in fact, is the leading Indian six-hitter with 15. The next best is Parag with 12. Eighteen matches may be a small sample size but the first trends cannot be ignored. Out of the 25 leading six-hitters in the whole of last season, only one was an uncapped Indian batter; that number stands at four this season.

Shivam Dube| SRI LOGANATHAN VELMURUGAN

You can make the argument that all of the above-mentioned batters have played in the IPL before. But they seem to have levelled up. Weston, who works with Kent as well as Birmingham Phoenix in The Hundred, is cognizant of this. "Over the last year or two, we have seen the emergence of players like Yashasvi Jaiswal, Jitesh (Sharma), Abhishek, Prabhsimran Singh, Rinku Singh and Tilak Varma. This year, we have seen the impact immediately from (Angkrish) Raghuvanshi, Riyan Parag and so on. All of them play a very high-intent style of cricket. It can only be good for the league as it makes it more attractive to watch as well as the international team."

Finding domestic players is just one part of the puzzle. Getting them to marry intent with execution is the other challenge. How have the likes of Abhishek managed it? Julian Wood, who wrote the grammar of power-hitting, has a theory. "The IPL creates an environment where these young players are playing alongside the best hitters of a cricket ball on the planet," Wood, who has taught power-hitting to several T20 specialists, said. "They are tapping into what they do and adapting it to their own game. To me, batting/hitting in T20 cricket is the fastest evolving part of any sport."

The ever-evolving aspect includes prioritising six-hitting and coming around to the argument that three sixes are better than four fours. Here's Weston: "This year, Kolkata have so far hit an almost equal number of fours and sixes (45 sixes and 44 fours). So we are starting to see the combination of the additional depth that the impact player provides to domestic players coming in. Teams are realising that the extra depth allows them to play more attacking cricket and that includes a higher percentage of aerial shots as well." That's the other thing that's jumped this year. In 2023, the fours to six ratio stood at 1.93:1. The average from 2019 to 2023 had been 2.06. In 2024, this number stands at under 1.55. That means for every 155 fours, teams are scoring 100 sixes. Weston attributed that to players getting more comfortable going aerial.

Jatin Paranjpe, former Indian cricketer and one-time member of the selection committee, believes that 'sixes are the new fours'. "It's simple," he said. "Power-hitting is the focus of the batters these days. That equals more sixes as power hitting is about distance."

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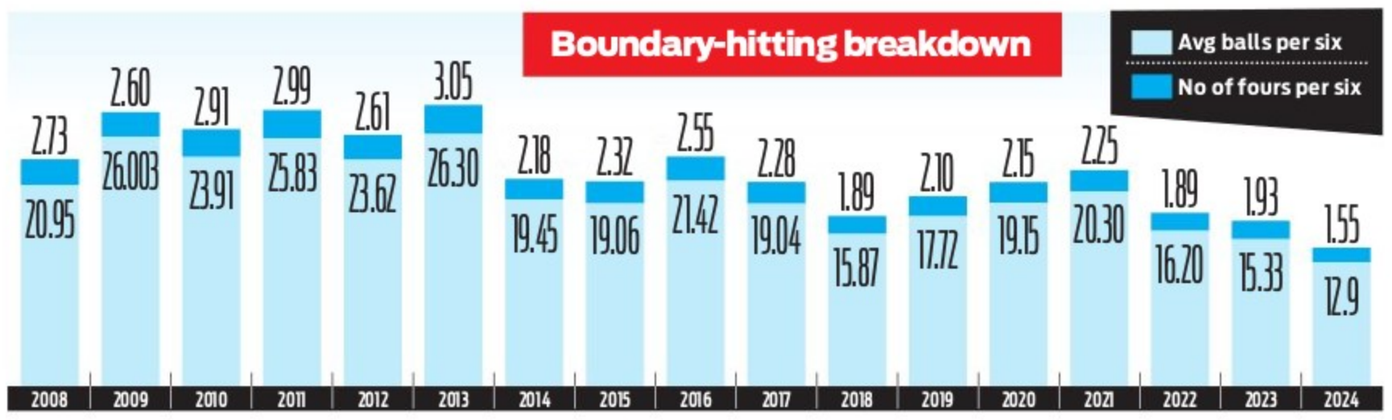
Is this rate of six-hitting sustainable? An analyst at one of the teams isn't too sure. "Pitches have been flat (this year). While batters keep practising six-hitting, some of the bowlers may be on workload management. In some places, the pitches have been re-laid. You have to keep all of these factors into consideration."

Will there be a regression to the mean over the next few weeks or is this the start of another evolution? The next one-and-a-half months will provide all the answers.

(All numbers in the copy are until CSK vs SRH on Friday).

Boundary-hitting breakdown



India men's hockey team suffer big loss

AGENCIES @ Perth

THE Indian men's hockey was expected to put up at least a decent fight but was hammered 1-5 by Australia in the first Test of the five-match series on Saturday. The Australians controlled the tempo of the match from start to finish.

The Indian team showed some sparks in the final quarter but it was too late by then. Tom Wickham (20th, 38th minute) scored a brace, while Tim Brand (3rd), Joel Rintala (37th) and Flynn Ogilvie (57th) were the other goal-getters for the winners. India's lone goal was scored by Gurjant Singh in the 47th minute. The Indians earned back-to-back penalty corners in the 51st minute, but on both occasions, skipper Harmanpreet Singh failed to convert it. The two teams will meet again on Sunday in the second Test of the Perth International Festival of Hockey, considered as a preparation for the Paris Olympics.

Royals stay top after Buttler century

Jos Buttler (L) & Sanju Samson's 148-run partnership set up win for RR | AFP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

JOS BUTTLER'S 58-ball century helped Rajasthan Royals beat Royal Challengers Bengaluru by six wickets in Jaipur on Saturday. Virat Kohli's century (113 n.o) in the first innings went in vain.

Chasing 184, RR lost Yashasvi Jaiswal early. However, captain Sanju Samson joined Buttler in the middle. The duo picked a boundary or two in every over and Buttler launched himself by hitting 20 runs off Mayank Dagar. With an inexperienced spin attack, RCB was taken for cleaners with both Samson and Buttler bringing up their fifties in no time. Samson (69 off 42) got out. Riyan Parag and Dhruv Jurel fell shortly after, but Buttler kept the chase going. Fittingly, he brought up his century with a six that took RR home.

Put into bat first, RCB started off well with Kohli taking on Nandre Burger. The former captain hit the South African for two boundaries as RCB raced to 42/0. R Ashwin delivered a boundary-less over, keeping RCB in check. Between overs 5-8, they added only 22 runs.They kept the scoreboard moving as Kohli brought up his fifty in 39 balls. Du Plessis fell for 44 from 33 balls and Glenn Maxwell also got out, but Kohli kept things going. He brought his century off 67 balls, the joint-slowest ever in the league, as RCB posted 183/3.

Brief scores: RCB 183/3 in 20 ovs (Kohli 113 n.o, Du Plessis 44; Chahal 2/34) lost to RR 189/4 in 19.1 ovs (Buttler 100 n.o, Samson 69).

SUPER SUNDAY

TATA IPL

Mumbai Indians take on Delhi Capitals in the afternoon game before Lucknow Super Giants play Gujarat Titans. A look...

DC's middle-order woes

Although they have a heavy top-order with David Warner, Prithvi Shaw and Mitchell Marsh, the middle-order has been heavily reliant on Rishabh Pant. The sooner they come out with a better combination, the better it would be for them.

Return of SKY

Mumbai have suffered three losses and Suryakumar Yadav's return is a welcome boost. After a prolonged layoff, SKY has joined the team and will be keen to make an instant impact.

Where is Shahrukh?

Although Rahul Tewatia and David Miller are doing the job, Titans have one too many top-order batters/anchors. They have been unable to accommodate a talent like Shahrukh Khan in the playing XI. They would want to make better use of him.

Mumbai Indian **vs** Delhi Capitals, Wankhede, 3.30 PM

Lucknow Super Giants **vs** Gujarat Titans, Lucknow, 7.30 PM

Live on Star Sports and JioCinema

Vidit dumps Nakamura; Gukesh downs Pragg

AGENCIES @ Toronto

INDIAN Grandmaster Vidit Gujrathi crashed through the defences of World No 3 Hikaru Nakamura of United States, while R Praggnanandhaa went down to compatriot D Gukesh in the second round of Candidates chess tournament here.After four draws in the first round, all the four games in the second round ended decisively on Saturday.

Top seed American Fabiano Caruana cruised past Nijat Abasov of Azerbaijan and Russian Ian Nepomniachtchi outfoxed Firouza Alireza of France. In the women's section, R Vaishali lost against Zhongyi Tan of China, while Russian Aleksandra Goryachkina proved superior than Ukrainian Anna Muzychuk. In the other games, Koneru Humpy played out a draw with Kateryna Lagno of Russia and Nurgyul Salimova signed peace with Tinjie Lei of China.

Gujrathi along with Caruana, Nepomniachtchi and Gukesh emerged as the early co-leaders with 1.5 points apiece while Nakamura, Praggnanandhaa, Abasov and Alireza share the fifth spot on half a point each. In the women's section, Tan remained in sole lead with her second victory on the trot and Goryachkina was right behind her just half a point adrift. Salimova, Humpy and Lagno share the third spot with one point in their bags and Lei, Vaishali and Muzychuk share the sixth spot with half a point to their credit. A total of 12 rounds still remain in the biggest competition of the year.

Results round 2 (Indians unless specified): Ian Nepomniachtchi (Fid, 1.5) bt Firouza Alireza (0.5, Fra) R Praggnanandhaa (0.5) lost to D Gukesh (1.5); Hikaru Nakamura (Usa, 0.5) lost to Vidit Gujrathi (1.5); Fabiano Caruana (Usa, 1.5) bt Nijat Abasov (Aze, 0.5). Women: Zhongyi Tan (Chn, 2) bt R Vaishali (0.5); Kateryna Lagno (Ukr, 1) drew with K Humpy (1); Nurgyul Salimova (Bul, 1) drew with Tingkjie Lei (Chn, 0.5); Aleksandra Goryachkina (Fid, 1.5) bt Anna Muzychuk (Ukr, 0.5).

Bagan win to stay in hunt for League Shield

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Mohun Bagan's Dimitrios Petratos celebrates his goal on Saturday | ISL

MOHUN Bagan Super Giant (MBSG) maintained their hopes of clinching the League Winners' Shield of the Indian Super League (ISL) with a narrow (1-0) victory over Punjab FC here on Saturday

A strike by Dimitrios Petratos in the 42nd minute, which made him the outright highest goal-scorer for the Mariners in the ISL history, ensured that the Antonio Lopez Habas-coached side suffered no more hiccups in cutting down the lead against top-placed Mumbai City FC. For Punjab FC, this defeat has effectively put them out of the race for playoffs. The Kolkata-based team now has 42 points in 20 games, two behind the Islanders (44).

Man City rally to overcome Palace

AGENCIES @ London

KEVIN DE BRUYNE brought up his century of goals for Manchester City by scoring twice in a 4-2 win at Crystal Palace that moved the champions level on points with Liverpool. In Saturday's late fixture, Arsenal reclaimed top spot from Liverpool with an assured display of attacking verve and calmness at the back. In the end, Brighton were put to the sword as they lost 0-3. After Bukayo Saka opened the scoring in the first half, Kai Havertz and Leandro Trossard extended the advantage in the second half.

Liverpool, though, have the chance to leapfrog Arsenal when they travel to Manchester United on Sunday.

Kevin De Bruyne | AP

In the earlier fixture, City had fallen behind after just three minutes at Selhurst Park, but De Bruyne led the response by curling in a beauty to equalise. Rico Lewis put the visitors in front early in the second half before De Bruyne teed up Erling Haaland to end his goal drought. And the Belgian rounded off a stunning display by smashing in his 100th City goal. Just three days ahead of City's trip to Real Madrid in the Champions League quarter-finals, Guardiola took the chance to shuffle his pack again.

Results: Crystal Palace **2-4** Man City; Wolves **1-2** West Ham; Everton **1-0** Burnley; Aston Villa **3-3** Brentford; Fulham **0-1** Newcastle; Luton **2-1** Bournemouth; Brighton **0-3** Arsenal.

EXPRESS READ

Shuttlers Anupama, Tharun finish toppers

ASTANA: Indian shuttlers Anupama Upadhyaya and Tharun Mannepalli emerged champions in the women's and men's singles competition at the Kazakhstan International Challenge in Uralsk on Saturday. Anupama posted a 21-15, 21-16 win over compatriot Isharani Baruah. Tharun beat Malaysian Soong Joo Ven 21-10, 21-19.

Md Sporting clinch maiden I-League title

SHILLONG: Mohammedan Sporting Club clinched their maiden I-League title after they got the better of Shillong Lajong FC 2-1 in their penultimate match here, a result which also promoted them to the top-tier Indian Super League.

Bhullar sets record for lowest winning total

CHANDIGARH: Golfer Gaganjeet Bhullar carded a four-under 68 on the final day to clinch the Chandigarh Open title with a record total here. Bhullar (67-67-65-68) set a record for lowest winning total (21-under 267) at the Chandigarh Golf Club en route the title.

Fishing for VOTES in troubled Island waters

S MANNAR MANNAN AND M S THANRAJ

A tiny, uninhabited island in the Palk Strait between India and Sri Lanka has suddenly become a hot topic of debate ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. Questions kept swirling about Katchatheevu—as they do now—in Parliament for decades, even before the maritime boundary was settled. They irritated the country's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru so much that he chose to put his annoyance on record.

"I attach no importance at all to this little island and I would have no hesitation in giving up our claim to it. I do not like matters like this pending indefinitely and being raised again and again in Parliament. It is true that with the present conditions in Ceylon, as they are, this is not the right time to raise any matter with them," Nehru wrote in a file noting on May 10, 1961. This extract from a recent right to information (RTI) reply received by BJP's Tamil Nadu state president K Annamalai was amplified by him and his party to allege that the Congress doesn't care for the country's territorial integrity.

The second target of the BJP was the ruling DMK in Tamil Nadu. The DMK has been vociferous about injustice on Katchatheevu, arguing it was never a party to its 'ceding'. But the RTI reply shows the DMK head and the then chief minister M Karunanidhi was given a full briefing by the Centre about the first Indo-Sri Lankan Maritime Agreement between the then prime minister Indira Gandhi and her Sri Lankan counterpart Sirimavo Bandaranaike, days before the pact was inked on 26-28 June 1974. The accord placed Katchatheevu on the Lankan side of the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL). Yet, Karunanidhi gave his approval though he public posture was to oppose the accord. His government was kept in the loop right through the negotiations with the friendly neighbour and not just at the last leg.

BJP narrative

The BJP sought to drum up the narrative of the Congress betraying those for whom Katchatheevu is their lifeline, and the DMK for feigning ignorance about the pact while giving its tacit approval to it. It sought to put the DMK and the Congress in the dock for projecting themselves as messiahs of the fisherfolk harassed by the Sri Lankan navy, though they were historically 'part of the problem'.

After Annamalai disclosed the RTI reply, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted it saying, "New facts reveal how Congress callously gave away Katchatheevu. This has angered every Indian and reaffirmed in people's minds - we can't ever trust Congress. Weakening India's unity, integrity and interests has been Congress' way of working for 75 years and counting." Soon after, Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar weighed in, accusing the DMK and the Congress of being party to the 'ceding' of Katchatheevu. Both the DMK and the Congress retaliated with whataboutery, asking the BJP what prevented it from retrieving Katchatheevu during its 10 years in power. The BJP hopes to milk the controversy to grab a slice of the fisherfolk vote bank.

While the 1974 accord allowed both sides to fish in each other's traditional waters, the one in 1976 gave each party sovereignty over their historic waters and the territorial sea, as well as the islands falling on their side of the IMBL. Indian pilgrims could visit Katchatheevu without travel documents and fishermen could take rest and dry their nets on the island. But fishing rights for them were history. The 1976 pact also settled the maritime boundary in the Gulf of Mannar and the Bay of Bengal, agreeing that the Wadge Bank to the south of Cape Comorin "lies within the exclusive economic zone of India, and India shall have sovereign rights over the area and its resources". (See sidebar)

MEA's response

Curiously, Annamalai's RTI application got the desired response from the MEA though efforts by others in the past to ferret out information on Katchatheevu was stonewalled. For example, to a 2014 query by H Arokkiaraj, the foreign office said, "The Katchatheevu Island issue is, however, currently subjudice with two Writ Petitions (Nos 561 (2008) and 430 (2013)) filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. It may also be noted that, the issues of Katchatheevu and IMBL pertain to the Government of Sri Lanka, a friendly neighbouring country in this context, the disclosure of the requested document/ information would prejudicially affect India's relations with a foreign state Hence, the information sought above would fall under the purview of section 8 (1) (a) of RTI Act of 2005 and would be exempted from disclosure."

The foreign office changed the script a tad in its response to a RTI query on Katchatheevu in 2015, which gave the Opposition the latest ammunition to challenge the BJP spin. The reply said, "This did not involve either acquiring or ceding of territory belonging to India since the area in question had never been demarcated." It put the BJP in a pickle because the RTI response was given during Jaishankar's watch as foreign secretary. It explicitly said there was no ceding though the BJP now insists Katchatheevu was given away.

Annamalai had sought and got two documents: one, the MEA's summary background note for a meeting of the informal consultative committee on March 19, 1968; and two, a copy of the meeting the foreign secretary of the day had with Karunanidhi on June 19, 1974.

Zamindari rights

The 1968 document says the Raja of Ramnad had zamindari rights on the island till the Ramnad Estate was taken over by the Government of Madras in 1949 under the Estates Abolition Act (1948). The zamindari had been granted to the Raja of Ramnad by the East India Company in 1803. But there was no documentation to establish the ownership. The question of ownership of Katchatheevu came up at a conference on fishing rights in 1921 between India and Ceylon (later Sri Lanka). The then British India accepted the British Ceylon's claim to the island subject to the zamindari rights of the Raja of Ramnad and intimated the Secretary of State for India accordingly, but did not ratify the proceedings.

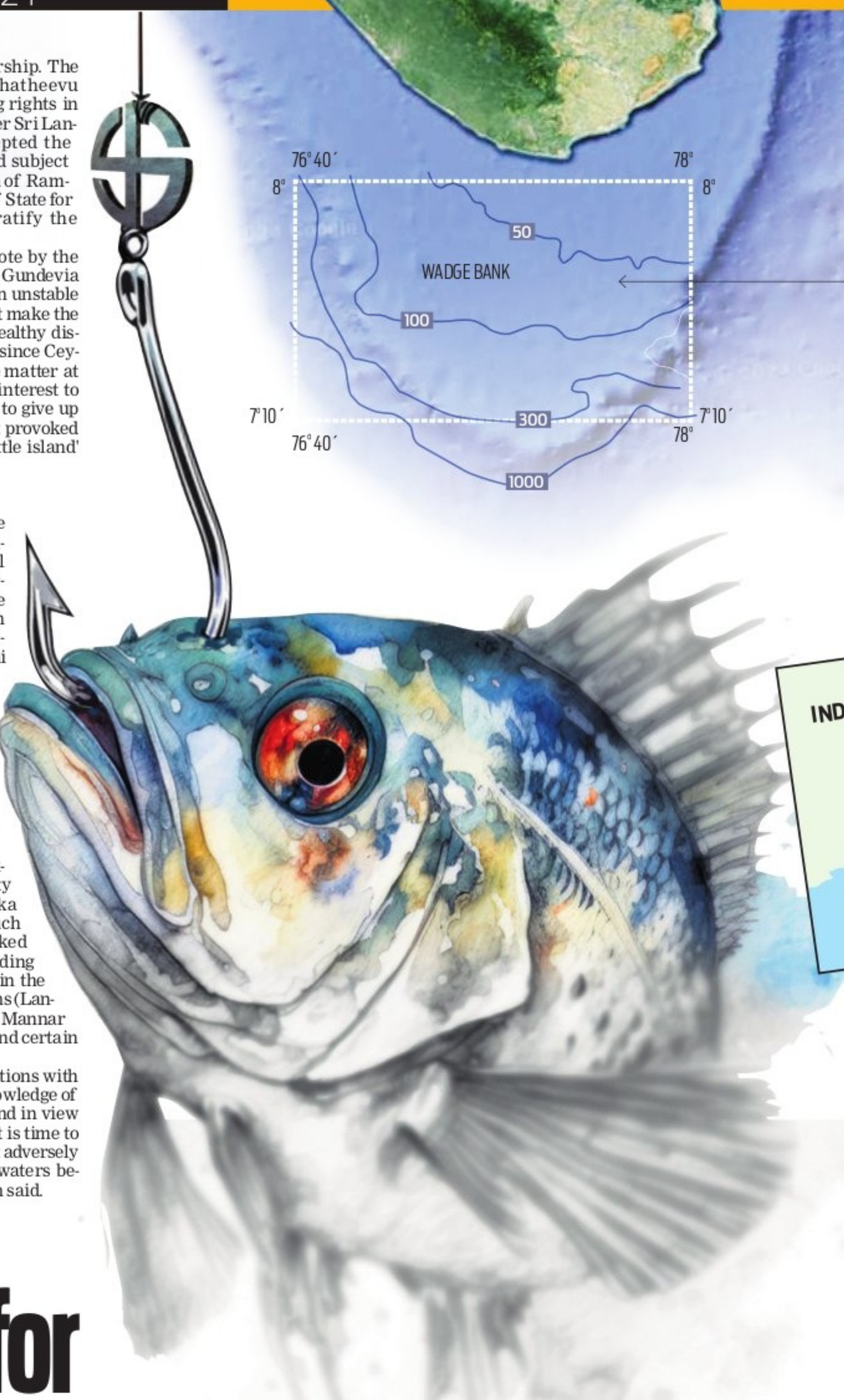
The backgrounder includes a note by the then Commonwealth Secretary Y D Gundevia on May 10, 1961, which said, the then unstable political situation in Ceylon did not make the atmosphere right for any honest, healthy discussion on Katchatheevu. Besides, since Ceylon was not anxious to discuss the matter at that point, "it would not be in our interest to take the initiative and risk having to give up the island." That was the note that provoked Nehru to make that insensitive 'little island' comment.

The trade-off

But a dispassionate reading of the RTI documents suggests Karunanidhi went by the supreme national interest while giving his concurrence to the proposed accord. One of the important points the then foreign secretary Kewal Singh underlined when he met Karunanidhi on June 19, 1974 in Madras—days before the treaty—was of a secret oil find off Kanniyakumari, which India wants on its side of the maritime border. By yielding on Katchatheevu, the country wanted as big a chunk of the oil strike area as possible in the Wagde Bank, in its deal with Sri Lanka.

Singh explained the relative weakness of India's claim for sovereignty over Katchatheevu, saying Sri Lanka (name change in 1972) had a much stronger case. When the CM asked whether the issue could be kept pending for some more time, Singh replied in the negative, citing external compulsions (Lanka's extensive drilling in the Gulf of Mannar area and their pro-Chinese lobby) and certain domestic imperatives (oil find).

"The present stage, when the relations with Sri Lanka are cordial and when knowledge of oil strikes in the area is not open, and in view of the basic weakness in our case, it is time to consider such solution as would not adversely affect our overall interests in the waters between Indian and Sri Lanka," Singh said.



WADGE BANK PACT, 1976

Wadge Bank lies within the exclusive economic zone of India, which shall have sovereign rights over the area and its resources

The fishing vessels of Sri Lanka and persons on board these vessels shall not engage in fishing in the Wadge Bank. But as a gesture of goodwill, six Sri Lankan fishing vessels licensed by the Government of India may engage in fishing in the Wadge Bank for three years from the date of establishment by India of its exclusive economic zone. Their catch shall not exceed 2,000 tonnes in a year

If India decides to explore the Wadge Bank for petroleum and other mineral resources during the three-year period, Sri Lankan fishing vessels shall terminate fishing activity, if any, in these zones with effect from the date of commencement of exploration

India additionally will provide annually to Sri Lanka 2,000 tonnes of fish for five years from the date of cessation of fishing activity by Sri Lanka vessels after the three-year period

WHAT IS KATCHATHEEVU

It's a small island spanning about 285 acres in the Palk Strait. It is about 33 km from the Rameswaram islet and 24 km from Neduntheevu of Sri Lanka. The island is covered with thorny shrubs and there is practically no vegetation. The only structure on the island is a small Roman Catholic church with a tiled roof. An extension recently built provides some shelter against the sun and rain. Roman Catholic fishermen are said to have constructed the church and the extension; their nationality or the date of construction are not known. Just outside the structure is a small statue of St. Anthony on a brick and cement base. There is no fresh water on the island. A circular tank has been constructed to store fresh water for the use of the pilgrims who visit the island for the annual St. Anthony festival in March. This year, fishermen from Tamil Nadu boycotted the festival over the arrest of fishermen and remand issues

Salient features of the 1974 accord

Article 4
Each country shall have sovereignty and exclusive jurisdiction and control over the waters, the islands, the continental shelf and the subsoil thereof, falling on its own side of the aforesaid boundary

Article 5
Indian fishermen and pilgrims will enjoy access to visit Kachchativu as hitherto, and will not be required by Sri Lanka to obtain travel documents or visas for these purposes

Article 6
Vessels of Sri Lanka and India will enjoy in each other's waters such rights as they have traditionally enjoyed therein

Key elements of the 1976 pact

Article V

1. Each party shall have sovereignty over the historic waters and territorial sea, as well as over the islands, falling on its side of the aforesaid boundary
2. Each party shall have sovereign rights and exclusive jurisdiction over the continental shelf and the exclusive economic zone as well as over their resources, whether living or non-living, falling on its side of the aforesaid boundary
3. Each party shall respect rights of navigation through its territorial sea and exclusive economic zone in accordance with its laws and regulations and the rules of International law

Oil clause

With the oil strike in mind, Article 7 of the 1974 accord said, "If any single geological petroleum or natural gas structure or field, or any single geological structure or field of any other mineral deposit, including sand or gravel, extends across the boundary referred to in Article 1 and the part of such structure or field which is situated on one side of the boundary is exploited, in whole or in part, from the other side of the boundary, the two countries shall seek to reach agreement as to the manner in which the structure or field shall be most effectively exploited and the manner in which the proceeds deriving therefrom shall be apportioned."

When Karunanidhi wondered whether the issue could not at a later stage be referred for an opinion to the International Court of Justice at The Hague, Netherlands, Singh explained the difficulties inherent in arbitration by a third party, drawing from India's previous experiences. He added the rule of thumb on the world's opinion tending to side with a small nation as against a big one. Singh stressed that any course other than political negotiations would augment the influence of other foreign powers like China and adversely affect the country's security and economic interests.

On drawing the IMBL, Singh said it essentially consisted of accepting the delimitation line drawn in 1921, which ran three miles to the west of Katchatheevu with the island on the Lankan side. Two alternative lines were also proposed. The first would keep the anticipated oil structure almost entirely on the Indian side while the second would give the country 60% of the oil fields.

The timing
The 1974 deal happened three years after the successful Bangladesh liberation war that vivisected Pakistan, when Indira was hailed as Durga by Vajpayee. As for the 1976 accord, it came after Indira had imposed Emergency

Karunanidhi's green light

Towards the end of the conversation, Karunanidhi indicated his inclination to accept the solution. He, however, said his problem was he could not take the opposition into confidence without sharing with them the knowledge about the oil strike, to convince them to accept the compromise. He added that for obvious political reasons, he could not be expected to take a public stand in favour of the deal. He, however, assured that he would help keep the reaction in Tamil Nadu low key.

The document records Singh as having said that the Tamil Nadu government had been kept informed throughout the negotiations with Sri Lanka.

Wadge Bank

The 1976 agreement recognises the 4,000 sq mile Wadge Bank near Cape Comorin as part of India's exclusive economic zone. It gives India rights to explore petroleum and other mineral resources there. It was in the Wadge Bank that oil reserves were quietly noticed and shared with Karunanidhi in strict confidence. Strangely, there was no effort at oil exploration there for decades after the deal. But just a few years ago, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas initiated the initial exploration exercise there. It evoked strong opposition from people in Kanniyakumari who said it would severely impact the ecosystem in Wadge Bank, which is rich in biodiversity and is a major fishing ground.

Royal family

Commenting on the Katchatheevu issue, a member of the Ramnad royal family, Rani N Lakkumi Kumaran Sethupathi (56) said, "The Ramanathapuram Samasthanam had nearly 22 islands, including the Katchatheevu under its rule. Since the Sethupathi kings and the Marakayars were on good terms, during the 18th century the then Sethupathi king gave Katchatheevu on lease to Marakayars for cattle feeding besides pearl and sea stone trade. The island was also used by voyagers and fishermen. Considering the welfare of the people, especially the fishermen, action should be taken to retrieve the island."

Katchatheevu continues to be an emotional issue in Tamil Nadu, particularly when fishermen are arrested or attacked by the Sri Lankan navy. In 2008, former chief minister J Jayalalithaa moved the Supreme Court seeking to retrieve Katchatheevu. When she came to power in 2011, the Tamil Nadu assembly passed a unanimous resolution asking the state revenue department to implead itself in the case filed by Jayalalithaa. A few other cases related to Katchatheevu and the attack on fishermen are pending in the court.

Political fallout

Would the current round of finger-pointing have any impact on voters in Tamil Nadu, particularly among fishermen, who will exercise their franchise on April 19? The worry at present in Ramanathapuram, Nagapattinam and Pudukkottai is the imprisonment of fishermen arrested by the Sri Lankan authorities.

Some of the fishermen's groups are also contemplating boycotting the polls over the issue. The bigger concern is the decision of Sri Lankan authorities to sentence boat drivers to six months to one year of imprisonment if they violate the IMBL.

However, the fisher vote bank is not a monolith. There are some powerful factions within the community in Tamil Nadu, with each section taking its own political stand. But generally, fisherfolk feel that the five-decade-old issue of ceding Katchatheevu may not have much impact on the elections now. They say the fish catch on the Tamil Nadu side is limited, which is why they are forced to cross the IMBL and put themselves in the Sri Lankan cross-hairs.

Septuagenarian fisherman N J Bose (73) of the All Mechanised Boat Fishermen Association, said, "Before the civil war in Sri Lanka, fishermen from both the countries had great relationships. We even used to share food in the mid-sea. But the civil war in Sri Lanka from 1983 to 2009 greatly affected the Tamil fishermen. Many were arrested while others were gunned down and their boats seized." Katchatheevu is talked about only during elections; no action is taken, he rued.

Fishermen and their associations in Jegathapattinam and Kottaipattinam in Pudukottai district blame the BJP government at the Centre for not taking action to retrieve Katchatheevu, and other parties in the state for their empty rhetoric. They want the traditional rights of fishermen to use the island for fishing restored.